

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD SEPTEMBER 10, 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 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. Blakeslee, Borough Administrator and Mrs. Eckert, Borough Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No minutes were presented at this meeting.

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

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

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes

ORDINANCE ADOPTIONS

- 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 Read Ordinance 2015-10 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

Seeing no comments from the public, the Mayor asked for a motion to close.

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes

A Motion to Adopt Ordinance #2015-10 was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

- 2. 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 Read Ordinance 2015-11by Title Only on Second Reading and a Hearing Held Thereon was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

Seeing no comments from the public, the Mayor asked for a motion to close.

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes

A Motion to Adopt Ordinance #2015-11was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was presented at this meeting.

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

There were no questions or comments regarding the Borough Administrator's report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance & Insurance: E. Still J. Sylvester

In the month of August the Borough had total income in the amount \$1,455,377.76 as compared to the previous year of \$1,654,276.89.

Revenue received for the month of August:

Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated (MRNA)

In 2015 the Borough received \$1,374.50 vs. \$4,814.80 in 2014.

Other Licenses/Borough Clerks Fees:

In 2015 the Borough received \$6,440.88 vs. \$6,341.09 in 2014

State Aid

In 2015 the Borough received \$176,357.70 vs. \$176,357.70 in 2014

Taxes Collected

In 2015 the Borough collected \$1,271,204.68 vs. \$1,463,563.30 in 2014.

Income Total Year to Date:

Total income to date in 2015 is \$6,305,057.93 vs. \$6,390,695.04 in 2014.

Economic Development: R. Hathaway E. Still

Councilman Hathaway noted that the highlights for economic development were noted in the administrator's report. He did want to mention that Crown Point has acquired the option of a Letter of Intent for the Quirk property and they are on our list to be named developer of record for that project.

Transit Village: On Monday, August 31st Mayor Nametko, Councilman Hathaway, and Redevelopment Attorney Robert Goldsmith met with representatives of NJ Transit at their offices in Newark. The purpose of the

meeting was to discuss NJ Transit's conditions for 'excessing' the property and moving forward with the developer RFP process.

Pocketbook Factory Redevelopment: Final review of the demolition permit documentation is underway.

Public Safety

(Police, Fire, Rescue)

J. Sylvester

E. Still

Councilman Sylvester provided the following reports:

The Ambulance Corp had 68 calls, 37 trips for 37 patients. They travelled 943 miles and volunteered 196 hours and 23 minutes. There was 1 assist.

The Police department handled 355 calls and 78 motor vehicle summonses. The hours worked looks a bit light due to vacations taken. Councilman Sylvester thanked the police for their efforts on Netcong Day.

The Fire Department had 10 calls, 11 drills, 5 meetings and 4 special details. Sixty four firefighters volunteered 1328 hours protecting the citizens.

Regarding the Fire on Highland Ave, Councilman Sylvester noted that neighbors went in and pulled people out. They should be recognized in some fashion via certificates etc. at a public meeting

Fire Inspection Co. #2 Oct. 12th: He attended Boonton parade Labor Day and noted that the Fire Department received many awards 1st place men marching 2nd and 3rd place for units

Dept. of Public

Works & Utilities:

E. Koster

R. Hathaway

D.P.W. Monthly Report August 2015

Road Department: patched pot holes around town ...painted crosswalks, stop lines and parking spaces throughout the town ...performed weekly vacuuming on Main St and Maple Ave...
Repaired water box and valve shut off at 52 Allen St...

Water Department: repaired a water leak on the 1 inch line to Ikes Lane ...assisted contractor with line locating during Church St water main installation..

Buildings & Grounds: performed weekly generator reports ...applied weed killer in the areas of Main St, Maple Ave and

Arbolino Park...watered all Borough flowers 3 times per week
...installed new shelf in the council room for the new recording
system...

Parks & Recreation: maintained weekly landscaping of Borough Parks...

Recycling: assembled and placed new combination
garbage/recycling containers at various locations on Main St...
Picked up 28 cubic yards of grass clippings...Picked up 16 cubic yards
of hedge trimmings... made repairs to the stairs at the recycle
center...

Other: In preparation for Netcong Day the DPW picked up and
returned 2 message boards from the County OEM, organized
supplies for SLAP, made paving repairs to the race route, assembled
trash and recycling boxes, prepared backup generators, and offered
support with various other tasks...

Councilman Koster thanked the DPW for a great job on Netcong Day. He added
that they couldn't have done it without them.

Councilman Sylvester noted that even with the heat the flowers on Main Street
looked great.

Recreation: P. Butler T. Laureys

Councilman Laureys read the following:

1. There was yet another successful 5K race on Sunday
September 6th with 211 runners! A special thanks to all of
our sponsors! ! What a beautiful day for both the race and
Netcong Day.
2. Two upcoming bus trips:
 - a. Thursday November 5th_ Great Wolf Lodge (this
has become an annual bus trip due to continued
success)
 - b. Saturday November 7th - 911 Museum and Eataly.
Tickets are \$45 each and includes bus fair in and out
of city along with entrance to 911 Museum.
 - c. We are working on another Broadway bus trip
(Something Rotten- musical comedy) which will be
held on Saturday March 5, 2016. We are hoping to
get this trip booked so we can have it noted on the
2016 town calendar.
3. We are working on our annual Trunk or Treat event which
is co-sponsored with the Netcong PTA and Netcong

Municipal Alliance. Details to follow.

4. Save the date flyers have gone out to prior Holiday Parade participants. Additional details will follow.

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

Dial A Ride August 2015 report:

Days of Service: 21
Miles: 1243
of Stops: 94
Nutrition: 33
Food Shopping (24 people): 60
Meals on Wheels: 16
Medical Appointments: 15
Other Appointments: 70
People Using Services: 46
Cancels: 34
Denials: 8
Units: 342
Hours: 105.75

OLD BUSINESS

1. COAH Update: Mr. Robert Oostdyk provided an update on the filed Declaratory Judgment –there were no objectors at first hearing. All were noticed and no one came. Municipalities have been given until early October to give what they think their numbers should be. We will be using same numbers as round two and have until January to readopt a plan. Netcong is one of the few towns that can use the same plan. He also noted that since COAH doesn't really exist, we should rename this.

Mr. Blakeslee asked how the fair share plan is adopted: resolution or ordinance.
Mr. Oostkyk stated that it will be a resolution after it goes to the planning board.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was presented at this meeting.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL

President Still had questions about the water main on Center St. He did not understand why the engineer did not find this line. This is costing us lots of

money. It goes back to College Rd and now there is a problem at Betty Hughson's house. He stressed that the Engineer needs to do more investigations before projects and applications

Councilman Hathaway wanted to comment on Netcong Day. The Squad had a lot of calls. Melissa Sylvester broke her leg. NCP had a big draw with free rides and DJ. Can't say enough about what the Police Department does, they handled things very professionally. He thanked Administration: Cindy and Ralph dealt with issues and stayed the day. Councilman Sylvester and the Mayor stayed all day. It was quite an undertaking for such a small group. Regarding the DPW, they handled all odds and ends; they go above and beyond.

Councilman Hathaway also wanted to note that the Lake Board has been engaged in biological treatment took measurements to see what effect it has. It has increased an inch deeper for lake

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

The Mayor also had comments about Netcong Day, the music, Netcong Day and 5 K race- everyone pulled together since day one. Sharon Still was a big help on 5K, Recreation had food ready and were quite active. Councilman Sylvester also was a great help. Check in was difficult but was well handled by Al Cook and Bob Hathaway. Sign boards were handled by Wayne Anthony. The office staff, DPW did a tremendous amount of work. The Mayor questioned whether it was worth it, he is not sure. He might use an alternate source for the Netcong Day portion next year. The music was great! He noted it was a team effort and was very well done. Next year's Netcong day will fall on 9-11 next year. He wants to see it run more efficiently next year

RESOLUTIONS

- 1. Resolution 2015- 81** – Approving the Conditional Designation of Crownpoint Group, LLC for the Redevelopment of the Quirk Building Property

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes

- 2. Resolution 2015- 82** – Approving Liquor License for Harry Harris Holding, LLC for July 2015 – June 2016.

Councilman Koster made a motion to approve this resolution and was seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 4 Yes Abstain: Councilman Sylvester

PROCLAMATIONS

1. National Sickle Cell Awareness Month September 2015

The Mayor read the proclamation.

2. National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month September 2015

The Mayor read the proclamation to the audience.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS

No ordinances were introduced at this meeting.

REPORTS

A Motion to Incorporate All Reports into the Minutes was made by Councilman Sylvester 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 Hathaway.
Roll Call: 5 Yes

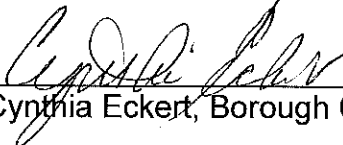
CLOSED SESSION

There was no closed session during this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway at 8:04 PM.
Roll Call: 5 Yes

Respectfully Submitted,



Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk