

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD OCTOBER 1, 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 10, 2014.
2. Publishing a notice in the Daily Record, the official newspaper of the Borough of Netcong on January 15, 2014 and mailing a copy to The Star Ledger on January 10, 2014.

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

- Agenda Meeting – September 3, 2015
- Regular Meeting – September 10, 2015

A Motion to Approve the Above Listed Minutes was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

Seeing no one stepping forward to speak, the Mayor asked for a motion to close the public session.

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes

ORDINANCE ADOPTIONS

No ordinances were presented at this meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Stanhope United Methodist Church – Letter informing Mayor and Council the church has been awarded a Morris County Historic Preservation Trust Fund Grant.

The Mayor congratulated the Church in obtaining this grant.

2. Letter from Lenape Valley High School Students to Police Department

This correspondence was carried to the October 8th meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was presented at this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Letter from Dr. Gina Cinotti – Requesting Permission to Close Streets in the area of Netcong Elementary School for the Netcong Elementary School Color Run on October 24, 2015.

The Mayor noted the steps taken to vet this request.

A motion was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Hathaway to grant permission.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

2. Best Practice Worksheet –

Mr. Blakeslee reported that the Borough scored 94% and will receive all the state aid.

Mayor Nametco asked if there was anything to be done to bring up the percentage.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL

President Still asked if the Council was ready for Charlie Cedro and upcoming bad weather. Councilman Hathaway noted that Mr. Cedro's situation was discussed. The Mayor noted that cones will be placed at Allen Street to divert the water away from Allen Street and Mr. Cedro's house.

Councilman Hathaway provided additional details about the Methodist Church Grant.

Councilman Sylvester asked about the State putting a stop to rental inspections. Mr. Blakeslee stated the wordings of various municipal ordinances were vague and courts removed the ability to use them. The legislators need to look into and change the wording. Councilman Sylvester noted that the borough ordinance was a useful tool and worked well. Mr. Blakeslee agreed and noted some of the actions are on hold until this is updated. He stated that inspections can still take place when there is a tenant change or house purchase. The Borough can still charge a fee for these changeover inspections. The Mayor commented that the Assembly has not met in 90 days. Councilman Laureys asked what types of violations have been found. Mr. Blakeslee responded that there were violations of too many animals or people per unit and issues like broken steps. He added that rental properties can be abused and not maintained.

The Mayor said that rental units must still be registered with the Borough Clerk.

Councilman Hathaway stated that the Planning Board has given permission for a cell tower to be installed by Family Ford. He has concerns we don't have any zoning to protect us for anything undesirable. He would like to consult Mr. Bucco about making an ordinance to protect the Borough. He was concerned that there is no wording to differentiate a tower from a node etc. Councilman Still stated that we don't have anything regarding cell towers in our code. The Mayor agreed that this would be worth looking into with the Borough Attorney.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

The Mayor discussed a meeting held this morning regarding the impending hurricane. He stated that the police and OEM are ready for potential problems.

RESOLUTIONS

1. **Resolution 2015-83** – Approving Request for Proposal Process with New Jersey Transit for Disposition of Excess Property

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes

PROCLAMATIONS

1. Breast Cancer Awareness Month Proclamation

Mayor Nametko read the proclamation to the public.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS

No ordinances were introduced at this meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

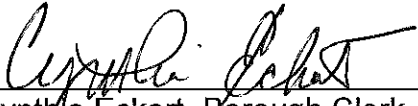
There was no closed session at this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway at 7:51 PM.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

Respectfully Submitted,



Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk