

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD NOVEMBER 5, 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 Councilwoman Butler, Councilman Koster, Councilman Laureys, Councilman Still, Councilman Sylvester and Mayor Nametko. Also present was Mr. Blakeslee, Borough Administrator and Mrs. Eckert, Borough Clerk.

Absent – Councilman Hathaway

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Agenda Meeting – October 1, 2015
- Regular Meeting – October 8, 2015

A motion to approve the above listed minutes was made by Councilman Sylvester and Seconded by Councilman Still.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

**PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING**

- David Costanzo- 27 Prospect St. – Mr. Costanzo- thanked everyone on behalf of Netcong School for support of the successful Color Run. He noted these donations will help with funding various school activities.

Seeing no other member of the public stepping forward, the Mayor asked for a motion to close the meeting to the public.

Councilman Still made a motion to close the meeting to the public. The motion was seconded by Councilman Koster.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

### **NETCONG COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PRESENTATION TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

Mr. Stephen Fredericks, President of the NCP, passed out a packet to each council member and introduced himself. He provided details of the annual report which included a brief outline of activities conducted this year. Most of these activities revolved around media support. He spoke about the new website and social media.

The NCP encourages engagement with local businesses. They are hoping to expand insurance and marketing programming next year: They started an intensive survey hoping to have results in December of this year. They plan to share this with the Borough Council. The social media tools are used to advertise. They have also reached out to media publications.

They have enhanced facebook page and now have over 600 likes for page which helps to reach those outside the community as well as the residents in town. Mr. Fredericks stated that this brings awareness of what is happening in Netcong, especially for young families.

#### **Accomplishments:**

- Standing Committee Meetings
- Fiscal responsibility
- IRS and Audits fine
- Business Directory
- Key Stakeholders/New Business Partners
- Buy local program and small business Saturday through American Express
- New logo and branding to capture the uniqueness of Netcong
- Built on success on 2014 Netcong Day launched 'I love Netcong' campaign

#### **Still to come in 2015:**

- Small business Saturday
- Toys for Tots event at Growing Stage. Both legislative districts (Morris and Sussex) participate – In the last 5 years this drive has collected more toys than any other in the county
- Collaborative promotions for local businesses and workshop to promote continued growth.

- Providing kits to businesses
- Continuation of On-line marketing
- Continuing to build community engagements
- Sidewalk Saturdays walking events
- Enhance internal grant system

In conclusion, Mr. Fredericks stated that two years ago the NCP was not in good shape. They have taken time this year to improve and hope to continue this forward movement. The NCP can play a pivotal role in the growth of Netcong.

Revenue next year should be around \$65,000.00. He explained next year's budget. He noted visual improvements to the town. New holiday decorations are on the docket for next year. They would like to provide a larger project for the betterment of the town center. They were able to maintain administrative costs for next year. There is a carryover of \$10,000.00, which protects NCP and Borough. Trustees whose term will end this year such as Kathy Robbins, Dr. Ginter and Maria Patamia will be staying on as trustees. The Mayor added Leighann VonHagen would like to continue as well.

Councilman Laureys asked if there will be a question on the survey that inquires if the members would like to continue the NCP. Mr. Fredericks noted that question was asked on a previous NCP survey. He added that the new survey was more constructive and asked how the NCP could better meet the needs of the businesses. Councilman Laureys said he would like that question periodically asked to see if the businesses still want it.

Mr. Fredericks agreed and noted that surveys processed in a constructive manor are most desired. He noted that the NCP is trying to portray Netcong in its best light and raise its potential.

Mr. Fredericks stated that he welcomes any council members to come to the meetings to see directly what the NCP is doing and what the members are thinking.

Mayor Nametko noted that possible builders are interested in knowing that we have a SID. It is a positive factor for our town and their project's. The report shows all positive things. He was not able to attend all of the social media workshops provided by the NCP. The one he attended was very helpful. These are programs that the town would not be able to provide.

Councilman Sylvester wanted to say thank you to Mr. Fredericks for his leadership and board members for their time and it is noticed by the Council. Mr. Fredericks thanked the Council in return.

## **ORDINANCE ADOPTIONS**

**1. Bond Ordinance 2015-12 - BOND ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE AN ADDITIONAL SUM OF \$40,000 FOR THE CHURCH STREET WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH ADDITIONAL 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 November 12 meeting.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Letter from Senator Anthony Bucco – Support of grant applications submitted by Netcong Borough.
2. Letter from Wanaque Mayor, Daniel Mahler

The Mayor discussed both pieces of correspondence.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business presented at this meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Cable Franchise Renewal

A brief discussion took place on this issue. The Mayor has asked this be put on the November 12 agenda when the Borough Attorney is present.

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

- President Still – Wanted to repeat that he thought the NCP was doing a great job. He also wanted to mention that the recreational bus trip to the New York 911 Memorial was full.

There were no other comments from the Council at this time.

## **MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

There were no comments from the Mayor at this time.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

1. **Resolution 2015-94** – Authorizing the Award of a Contract to Navitend, Inc. for IT Computer Related Services.

A Motion Was Made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.  
Roll Call: 5 Yes

2. **Resolution 2015-95** – To Cancel 2016 Property Taxes for a Totally Disabled Veteran. Block 45 Lot 15

A motion was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Still.  
Roll Call: 5 Yes

3. **Resolution 2015-96** – Change Order for Church Street Water Main and Street Improvements

A motion was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Still.  
Roll Call: 5 Yes

4. **Resolution 2015-97** – To Appoint William Leader Class Four Planning Board Member

A Motion Was Made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.  
Roll Call: 5 Yes

## **PROCLAMATIONS**

1. Residents from 3 Highland Ave - August Fire at 5 Highland Ave.

This proclamation was carried to the November 12 meeting.

2. John DeLuca – Eagle Scout Award Recipient

This proclamation was carried to the November 12 meeting.

## **ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS**

No ordinance introductions were made during this meeting.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

There was no closed session during this meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:01 PM by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Koster.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk