

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD FEBRUARY 4, 2016 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 8, 2016.
2. Publishing a notice in the Daily Record, the official newspaper of the Borough of Netcong on January 13, 2016 and mailing a copy to The Star Ledger on January 8, 2016.

**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**

- Reorganization Meeting – January 7, 2016
- Regular Meeting – January 14, 2016

A motion was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Koster to approve the above listed minutes.

Roll Call: 5 Yes            Abstain: Councilwoman Butler

**PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING**

The Mayor noted that no one stepped forward during the public session.

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

## **ORDINANCE ADOPTIONS**

1. **Ordinance 2016-1** - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO EXECUTE AN APPLICATION FOR A CHARITABLE SOLICITATION PERMIT FOR NETCONG VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY NO. 1's "COIN DROP" ON MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND AT THE INTERSECTIONS OF ALLEN STREET AND LEDGEWOOD AVENUE AND MAIN STREET AND ROUTE 46 AND ROUTE 183 IN THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

This ordinance was carried to the February 11, 2016 meeting.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Lake Musconetcong Regional Planning Board – Annual Report

Councilman Hathaway provided some highlights of the report.

- The lake is in stellar condition
- Graphs are most noteworthy in the report.
- Explanations of the expenses were provided.
- Asking for additional \$1000.00 to experiment with biological treatment
- Harvester expenses and renovation of the unit was mentioned
- All municipalities gave additional funds which helped with biological treatments.
- 50-60 thousand dollars to maintain lake includes volunteer hours.
- Water chestnuts under control thanks to many volunteers.
- Discussed the 319 grant in progress and why it is needed.

2. Lake Musconetcong Regional Planning Board – 2016 Budget Letter

3. Netcong Planning Board – Resolution 2016-03 – Variances issued in 2015

## **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business was presented.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. 2016 Budget

The Mayor asked to have this put on the agenda and called attention to the schedule for the budget process in Mr. Blakeslee's memo. In March, the CFO or Auditor should be at the meeting to present the highlights

2. Social Affairs Permit – The Growing Stage Theatre – Annual Fundraising Dinner

A motion was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilwoman Butler to approve this permit.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

3. Social Affairs Permit – Netcong Education Foundation, Inc. – Fundraiser for Netcong Elementary School

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes Abstain: Councilman Sylvester

4. Fire Company #2 – Permission to Use Transit Parking Lot for Fundraiser

The Mayor noted that this should be a big event. Jack Sylvester III and Chief Blesson met yesterday about traffic control and police presence for this event. Moving forward Councilman Sylvester is requesting that the team can meet on regular basis prior to the event to make sure all will run well. The date of the event is May 14<sup>th</sup> rain date May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Councilman Hathaway asked about police coverage. He wanted to know how the police will be compensated. Chief Blesson explained we have not had an event quite like this and need to work out all the details moving forward. Councilman Sylvester and Chief Blesson talked about types of clients. The Alcohol area can be double fenced. The Chief is planning on double gates by the liquor area. There will be minimal staff. The individual providing the trucks has experience with this type of event. They interviewed the Chief in Mt. Olive today about their event. Chief Blesson does not expect huge crowds. Continued communication with Mr. Blakeslee and Mayor Nametko is necessary. A letter from the Council is required before they can send the application.

Councilman Hathaway asked who is paying for police coverage. Chief Blesson will provide a rough estimate tomorrow regarding the number of police and cost. He was thinking about having six to eight men there. The Chief does not want to understaff. The Mayor said there was talk about getting fire police to offset costs of these events. The Chief is working on more coverage. Councilman Hathaway wants to make sure we are not causing issues with the public over police coverage costs. Councilman Sylvester, the Mayor and Councilman Hathaway continued discussion regarding this. Sharing the cost was discussed. The Chief gave an estimate of about \$2,000.00 to \$2,200.00 and asked about a contingency plan if Transit does not approve. Mr. Blakeslee said it has been years since alcohol was allowed on Transit property. Councilman Still said sharing cost should be for everybody.

A motion was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.  
Roll Call: 6 Yes

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

The Council President had nothing to say at this time.

Councilman Still noted that the Borough received a Cablevision check for \$15,806.00

The Mayor stated that he had a good meeting with the new representative. Optimum is offering a Technology grant.

### **MAYORS COMMENTS**

The Mayor addressed an email noting that the Borough is being honored by The Growing Stage. Tickets are \$125.00 per person. If Council wants to go, a table could be set up for \$1000.00 that seats 10 people. Councilman Sylvester and Councilman Laureys agreed that everyone should pay their own way.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

- 1. Resolution #2016- 22** – Authorizing the Execution of the FCC Notification for Spectrum Manager Lease Ownership Disclosure Information and Spectrum Lease Agreement for the Borough's Use of Flex-Net Equipment Manufactured by Sensus USA, Inc.

Mr. Blakeslee provided an explanation for this resolution.

Councilman Sylvester made a motion that was seconded by Councilman Hathaway to approve this resolution.  
Roll Call: 6 Yes

### **ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS**

- 1. Ordinance 2016-2** - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE POLICE CHIEF TO EXECUTE AN APPLICATION FOR A CHARITABLE SOLICITATION PERMIT FOR AMERICAN LEGION AMBULANCE CORP OF STANHOPE/NETCONG'S "COIN DROP" ON JUNE 10<sup>TH</sup>, JUNE 11<sup>TH</sup> 2016 AND ON SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>, AND SEPTEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2016 AT THE INTERSECTIONS OF ALLEN STREET AND LEDGEWOOD AVENUE AND MAIN STREET AND ROUTE 46 IN THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

This application will be held for the February 11, 2016 meeting.

2. **Ordinance 2016-3** - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 268, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, ARTICLE VIII SCHEDULES, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

This ordinance will be held for the February 11, 2016 meeting.

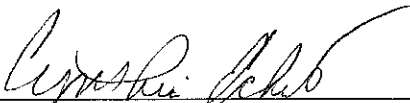
**CLOSED SESSION**

There was no closed session held at this meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway at 8:02 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk