

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD FEBRUARY 11, 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 7:28 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 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 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

Minutes were not presented at this meeting.

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

- Ms. Bernadette Dalesandro – 32 Barone St - on behalf of The Netcong Education Foundation came to talk about a fundraiser for the Netcong School, a St. Patrick's Day dinner catered by Burrini's. The cost for food and entertainment will be \$45.00 a ticket. The event will take place on March 5th at The Knights of Columbus. Other fund raisers include a 50/50 raffle. Tickets are \$5 each. Mr. Bucco provided a check for donation.

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 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**

A Motion to Read Ordinance 2016-1 by Title Only on Second Reading and a Hearing Held Thereon was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

The Mayor opened the meeting to the public for comment. No one stepped forward.

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes

A Motion to Adopt Ordinance #2016-1 was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was presented at this meeting.

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Blakeslee requested feedback regarding the Netcong School Lawn Maintenance situation. Councilman Still asked the DPW Supervisor, Mike Canfield, for his opinion. Mr. Canfield's concern is if they are short of manpower, will they be able to do it. Mr. Blakeslee confirmed that this was a trial for one year with evaluation at the end of the year. Councilman Hathaway suggested a formal agreement for 12 months then a stipend in the future for a shared service. Councilman Koster said he did not have a chance to talk to everyone about it.

Mr. Bucco stated that there should be a shared service agreement in case of accidents, for instance. The agreement should be a written understanding between the two parties. Mr. Blakeslee will get together with Mr. Canfield and Councilman Koster to come up with an agreement, if there is time. The Mayor asked whose equipment will be used. Mr. Bucco said that once all items have been discussed, an agreement can be made.

Progressive Properties was granted subdivision approval to create seven building lots at the end of Railroad Avenue and the Borough entered into a developer's agreement a few years afterwards. The agreement indicated that the Borough would take over the water and sewer utilities installed by the developer. Progressive properties can apply for permits. The Council discussed this and will put it on the agenda for next month.

The Blue Vista project has changed completely. What is now proposed is a Quick Chek with a gas station. The developer would like to work with Netcong for sewer usage. Councilman Laureys asked why the developer cannot hook into a Roxbury Main. Mr. Blakeslee explained that there is no place for them to hook up. Councilman Still added that there are septic systems for houses nearby and no sewer system from other towns by the Shell station site. Councilman Still stated that this is not a problem as they will use our lines and we will make \$4,722.00 annually. He continued that Netcong incurs no costs in this endeavor. The developer will be renting the pipes. It was noted that this will only be for the Shell station property. The current owners are attempting to get some money out of the property by selling to Quick Chek. It was also mentioned that there must be an agreement that there will be no further additions to that line. The developers will be responsible for everything from meter box back. Netcong will only be responsible for what is there now. Mr. Bucco noted that this will be a fee that the Borough can use in the future for repairs that may need to be performed on our lines from their usage.

With regard to the Canadian Geese Project, Mr. Blakeslee wanted to confirm that Netcong wants to continue with this program. The money is in the budget. Councilman Hathaway said it is typically a three year plan. The USDA needs a commitment for funding.

Mr. Bucco inquired about the State grant for demolition of the reservoir and the bat study. He wanted to know if the DEP had been involved and if a decision was made. Mr. Blakeslee replied that there was a discussion with Rutgers University. The wild life biologist was contacted and a discounted study was requested. Mr. Bucco asked if there was anything he should be doing to assist. Mr. Blakeslee responded that when Mr. Bucco speaks with the DEP, it would be helpful if he asks why Rutgers is not on the list of possible organizations that do this work. Mr. Bucco requested documentation regarding this from Mr. Blakeslee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance & Insurance:

E. Still

J. Sylvester

In the month of January the Borough had total income in the amount \$513,350.93 as compared to the previous year of \$688,346.07.

For the month of January, 2016:

Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated (MRNA)

In 2016 the Borough received \$1,317.60 vs. \$3,370.50 in 2015

Other Licenses/Borough Clerks Fees:

In 2016 the Borough received \$22,614.20 vs. \$22,326.71 in 2015

State Aid

In 2016 the Borough received \$0.00 vs. \$0.00 in 2015

Grants in Aid

In 2016 the Borough received \$0.00 vs. \$0 in 2015

Taxes Collected

In 2016 the Borough collected \$489,419.13 vs. \$662,648.86 in 2015

Income Total Year to Date:

2016 total revenue is \$513,350.93 vs. \$688,346.07 in 2015

Councilman Still noted that there is only one meeting left.

Economic Development: R. Hathaway E. Still

1. Big news is that there was a meeting with NJ Transit about the train station property. Councilman Hathaway noted that it was little more than 2 years ago they went down to Transit to discuss a plan for the property. They thought we were crazy. They came back and proposed to do what we proposed 2 years ago. This summer NJ Transit plans to name a developer. Crown Point could be named.
2. Quirk property is dealing with a small environmental issue. It might take time for the paperwork to be signed. He remains positive about this.
3. There was nothing to report regarding the Pocketbook Factory.

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

Police Department:

- 371 Calls
- 121 motor vehicle summons
- 24 parking tickets
- 11 over weight vehicle summons
- \$4,228.28

Fire Department:

- Total Calls: 12

- 2 RIC Calls
- Drills: 5
- Meetings: 6
- Other: 3
- Special Details: 1
- Training: 3
- Total Fire Fighters: 53
- Total Involvements: 30
- Total Man Hours: 394.5

Ambulance Corps:

- Total Calls: 68
- Total Patients: 36
- Total Trips: 36
- Miles Travelled: 1054
- Hours Volunteered: 290 hours and 39 minutes
- Assists: 1

The two vehicles purchased for the Fire Department should be on the road by the end of this month.

There was a meeting with the Stanhope-Netcong Ambulance Squad earlier in the week about their call system. There was a request made for the Borough to contribute to the cost of equipment.

The Ambulance is 14 years old. It was proposed to keep the body and refurbish it for approximately \$70,000 as opposed to \$140,000 for a new ambulance. He explained that just a gurney costs \$14,000 each. One more officer will go for EMT training. All police department members will be EMT trained.

Dept. of Public

Works & Utilities:

E. Koster

R. Hathaway

Road Department: Cleared streets and sidewalks from large snowstorm on January 23rdPerformed daily snow removal from business area, dead ends, intersections, and the school area ... Installed new no parking signs on College Rd.... Assisted the County road dept with snow removal from the corner of Allen St & Rt. 183

Water Department: Repaired water box and valves at 2 Ikes Lane and 49 Allen St.... ABB Corporation was in to service and inspect well house meters ... Replaced a bad water meter at 29 Railroad Ave...

Buildings & Grounds: removed all Christmas season decorations ... Performed annual inspection and service of elevator at FH 1 .. Picked up and chipped 149 Christmas trees.... Performed annual inspection and service of the vehicle lift at the DPW garage...

Recycling: Ordered and installed new dumpster guard cover for single stream container at the Recycle Center. ..

Other: Tim Hess attended a "Revised Total Coliform" class in Wharton ... The whole DPW Department watched 3 safety videos provided by the Borough's Joint Insurance Fund...

Mr. Koster explained the need for the covers for the dumpsters at the recycle center.

He also wanted to thank the DPW for a great job on keeping roads clear.

Recreation: P. Butler T. Laureys

Mr. Laureys read the following report:

1. We still have tickets for our upcoming Broadway Show on Saturday March 5th to Something Rotten. Please let Sharon know as soon as possible if you would like to attend.
2. We are getting quite a few requests for bands to participate in our upcoming Sumner Concert series - a preliminary schedule will be available, hopefully, by the end of April.
3. Waiting to hear from PTA as to the date for the Easter Egg event at the school. More details to follow.

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

Dial a Ride January 2016 report:

Days of Service: 19
Miles: 976
Number of Stops: 77
Nutrition (2 People): 21
Food Shopping (20 People): 65
Number of Meals on Wheels: 15
Medical Appointments: 17
Other Appointments: 50
People Using Services: 44
Cancels: 14
Denials: 3
Units: 324
Hours: 97
Additional Notes: 1 new senior

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business for this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Lake Musconetcong Regional Planning Board 319 Grant Application

Councilman Hathaway reported that the Chairman of Lake Musconetcong Regional Planning Board, Earl Riley, will be speaking.

Mr. Riley offered that the Grant is for purchase of a hydro rake, which is similar to harvester with a rake attachment instead of bucket. It will take biomass out of lake. This equipment will help to increase volume and health of the lake and river. Weeds will still grow but this equipment will assist in making further progress. Progress over the last 5 years has been good and he would like it to continue. He is looking at another effort to reduce muck in lake by introducing biologic to the lake to eat muck. They have solicited and received support from senators, assemblymen and freeholders from both Sussex and Morris counties. They are requesting support from surrounding towns as well. It was recommended each surrounding town provide an in kind contribution to clean storm drains. There are 6 potential drains. Councilman Hathaway explained where these drains are located.

The Mayor had a question about materials being removed and not causing issues on roads. Mr. Reilly replied that they will let it sit for the better part of a week to dry out in order to avoid a mess on the streets. Councilman Hathaway ran an experiment last year with this process and said the results were pretty remarkable.

Councilman Laureys asked how the bio bacteria affect wildlife. Mr. Reilly said there is no harm to animals or the lake. With last year's experiment, there was a 30% reduction in muck. Mr. Bucco will make changes to the resolution to protect Netcong.

2. Social Affair Permit – Hilltop Fire Company #2 – Food Truck Fund Raiser

A motion was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Hathaway to approve the permit.

Roll Call: 4 Yes Abstain: Councilman Sylvester

3. Social Affair Permit – Netcong Columbus Club Inc. – The Nicholas Wihlborg Foundation Fundraiser

A motion was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Hathaway to approve the permit.

Roll Call: 4 Yes Abstain: Councilman Sylvester

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL

Councilman Koster stated that he would like to talk to the DPW supervisor about reflectors for fire hydrants. The Mayor added that they would like to mark fire hydrants with the size of pipe so the Fire Department would know whether they can provide enough water. Councilman Koster also explained that the reflectors would make the hydrants easier to locate during snow storms. The Council continued discussion on this matter.

Councilman Hathaway noted that he heard from several people about snow removal from the blizzard. Mr. Canfield and the DPW's performance in Netcong was better than what was done in Bernard's Township. Councilman Hathaway added that it was very efficient and thorough. Mr. Canfield thanked Councilman Hathaway.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

The Mayor had no comment at this time.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution 2016- 23 – To Redeem Tax Sale Certificate 15-00008

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes

2. Resolution 2016 - 24 -To Approve the Expansion of Premises for Liquor License Number 1428-33-015-004 Issued to Arceo Brothers NJ, Inc. for the Premises Located at 124 Ledgewood Ave. Netcong NJ

The Council had questions to further understand this resolution.

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

Roll Call: 3 Yes Abstain: Councilmen Hathaway and Sylvester

3. Resolution 2016-25 – Authorizing the Person-to-Person and Place-to-Place Transfer of Liquor License No. 1428-33-007-005 from Rose's Place, LLC to Polo's Bar and Grill, LLC

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

Roll Call: 4 Yes Abstain: Councilman Sylvester

4. Resolution 2016-26 – Authorizing Submission of a Strategic Plan for the Netcong Municipal Alliance Grant for Fiscal Year 2017

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes

5. Resolution 2016-27 – Authorizing the Sale of Municipal Surplus Property

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes

6. Resolution 2016-28 – Supporting the Lake Musconetcong Regional Planning Board's 319(h) Grant Application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection

Mr. Bucco read the resolution to the Council since changes were made during the earlier part of the meeting.

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

Roll Call: 5 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 10TH, JUNE 11TH 2016 AND ON SEPTEMBER 9TH, AND SEPTEMBER 10TH, 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

A Motion to Introduce Ordinance #2016-2 and Read by Title only was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Still.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

A Motion to Pass Ordinance #2016-2 on First Reading was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

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

A Motion to Introduce Ordinance #2016-3 and Read by Title only was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Still.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

A Motion to Pass Ordinance #2016-3 on First Reading was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

3. **Ordinance 2016-4** - ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

A Motion to Introduce Ordinance #2016-4 and Read by Title only was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

A Motion to Pass Ordinance #2016-4 on First Reading was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

REPORTS

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

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

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231 P.L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Netcong, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of an action upon the specified subject matter.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:
 - **Possible Litigation: Henriquez**
3. It is anticipated that the minutes on the subject matters of the closed session will be made public upon conclusion, dismissal or settlement of litigation; or final resolution of agreements on personnel matters; and in any event, when appropriate pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-7 and 4-13.
4. The Council will come back into open session and may take further action.

A Motion to go into closed session was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway at 8:40PM.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

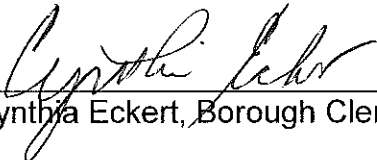
A Motion to come out of closed session was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Koster at 9:06PM.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made by Councilman Still and Seconded by Councilman Hathaway and was moved by unanimous voice vote at 9:07PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk