

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD APRIL 7, 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

- Agenda Meeting – March 3, 2016
- Regular Meeting – March 10, 2016

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

Seeing no one stepping forward from the audience, 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 Councilwoman Butler.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

PROCLAMATIONS

1. National Autism and Acceptance Awareness Month

The Mayor read the proclamation and presented it to Peter Dominicci-Fifoot who was present with his parents. Peter and his mother provided additional information and comment. The Mayor and Council provided their congratulations to Peter.

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF THE 2016 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

1. Resolution 2016-38 -To Read the 2016 Budget by Title Only.

This resolution was carried to the April 14th meeting.

2. Resolution 2016- 39 -To Adopt the 2016 Budget.

This resolution was carried to the April 14th meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SID ASSESSMENTS

This hearing was carried to the April 14th meeting.

1. Resolution #2016-40-Resolution to Approve the 2016 Property Assessments for the Netcong Community Partnership Special Improvement District of the Borough of Netcong.

This resolution was carried to the April 14th meeting.

2. Resolution 2016-41 -Resolution Approving the Introduction of the 2016 Budget of the Netcong Community Partnership Special Improvement District and Authorizing a Public Hearing to be Held Thereon.

This resolution was carried to the April 14th meeting.

ORDINANCE ADOPTIONS

1. Capital Ordinance 2016-5 - Authorizing the Making of Various Public Improvements and Acquisitions In, By and for the Borough, Appropriating Therefor the Sum of \$63,000.00 and Providing that Such Sum So Appropriated Shall Be Raised from Capital Fund Balance of the Borough.

This ordinance was carried to the April 14th meeting.

2. Bond Ordinance 2016-6 - Bond Ordinance to Authorize the Making of Various Public Improvements in, by and for the Water Utility of the Borough of Netcong, to appropriate the Sum of \$240,000.00, to Pay the Cost Thereof, to appropriate a Federal Grant, to Fully Fund an Appropriation from the Water Utility Capital

Improvement Fund, to Authorize the Issuance of Bonds to Finance Such 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 April 14th meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter from American Legion Musconetcong Post 278 – Memorial Day Parade

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

OLD BUSINESS

1. Quick Chek – Roxbury – Redevelopment

Mr. Blakeslee presented an update. If the Council was amenable, the attorney and professionals can come to a meeting to explain the situation.

Quick Chek is planning to put a store and gas station where the Shell station was located. They want to use the Netcong sewer system for this structure. Bob Guerin is working on the details.

Councilman Hathaway asked when the information from Bob Guerin would be available. Mr. Blakeslee said Mr. Guerin has an agreement completed and it can be sent to the Council.

The Mayor wanted to confirm that Roxbury understands that the MSA does not want to take responsibility. Councilman Sylvester commented that really nobody wants this. Councilman Koster said that if they use our meters they have to conform to what we want. Councilman Sylvester said the agreement is just between Netcong and the developer. He added that there is not enough flow for a meter to be accurate.

The Mayor asked if the Council had any questions before the professionals come. The Council maintained that they had no questions but were concerned that they would be able to ensure they would be getting accurate funding for what the town provided. The Council continued discussion regarding the type and amount of waste anticipated. Potential open items for this agreement were discussed.

Mr. Blakeslee will distribute the agreement to the Council and move forward. The Council specified what components Netcong had control of and what aspects Roxbury will be performing.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Department of Transportation – Safe Roads to School Request for Applications

Mayor Nametko asked for this issue to be put on the agenda. He noticed that there is a dangerous situation at the crossing on Route 183. He thought maybe a flashing light could be installed to slow the traffic.

Councilman Hathaway mentioned another area on Allen Street. There is a crosswalk with no curb cuts and parking right at the crosswalk. He noticed the children are not seen when stepping out to cross the street. He mentioned he has almost been struck several times there. Councilman Hathaway suggested the corner at Prospect Street would be a better place because the curb is already cut out there and there is also a streetlight for safety. Councilman Hathaway provided a photo to show credence to his request.

The Mayor agreed that there should be a change. He was originally against the lights on Main Street but recognize that the flashing lights do work. The Council discussed the resistance of the state to support this. Mr. Blakeslee stated that the County does not perform any work on crosswalks.

Councilman Sylvester said the end of Water Street would work as well. Councilman Hathaway said the existing crossing is very dangerous at night.

Mr. Blakeslee will review this with the engineer, police chief and DPW Superintendent. The Council added that we don't need a grant to move this crosswalk. Mayor Nametko said Mr. Guerin should push back with the state for flashing lights.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL

Councilman Koster noted that Fire Chief Rob Schellhamer thanked the Council for support on the death of his father.

Councilman Koster also mentioned the need for summer help for the DPW. The Council needs to get this started now. There may be some available help that worked last year.

Councilman Still said it looks like Quirk is moving a lot of items out on the curb with a sign that says "free" and also bringing items to the recycling center.

MAYORS COMMENTS

The Mayor wanted to comment on the safety situation at the reservoir. The Mayor noted that correction would cost approximately \$300,000. He offered that maybe a 2nd fence around the existing one could be installed for \$30,000-

\$50,000. Councilman Sylvester wanted to know where this edict was coming from. The Council continued discussion regarding the reservoir and the fence.

Councilman Koster asked about reservoir recharging. He mentioned that it was a cistern and does not recharge. The Council discussed this.

Councilman Hathaway questioned the \$300,000 figure to fill in the reservoir. He was wondering if an RFP could be sent out for estimates.

Councilman Koster suggested capping it using Netcong resources.

Mr. Blakeslee noted that the \$300,000 figure was a budget amount through DEP.

Mr. Blakeslee will obtain a more detailed accounting of the budgeted amount.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution #2016- 42-To Redeem Tax Sale Certificate 15-00009-Criscuolo

This resolution was carried to the April 14th meeting.

2. Resolution #2016- 43 -Endorsing the Housing Element and Fair Share Plan as Adopted by the Netcong Borough Planning Board and Authorizing the Submission of the Plan to the Superior Court for Approval

This resolution was carried to the April 14th meeting.

3. Resolution #2016- 44- To Redeem Tax Sale Certificate 15-00014- Olivo

This resolution was carried to the April 14th meeting.

4. Resolution #2016- 45 – To Redeem Tax Sale Certificate 15-00006 - Wallace

This resolution was carried to the April 14th meeting.

5. Resolution #2016-46 Authorizing the Execution of a Municipal Court Shared Service Agreement between the Borough of Netcong and the Township of Mount Olive

This resolution was carried to the April 14th meeting.

6. Resolution #2016- 47To Redeem Tax Sale Certificate 15-00013 – Velma Hodge

This resolution was carried to the April 14th meeting.

7. Resolution #2016-48 Authorizing the Sale of Municipal Surplus Property

This resolution was carried to the April 14th meeting.

8. Resolution #2016- 49 –Tonnage Grant Application Resolution

This resolution was carried to the April 14th meeting.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS

1. Ordinance 2016-7 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 228, "RENTAL PROPERTY", OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

This ordinance was carried to the April 14th meeting.

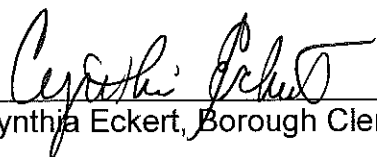
CLOSED SESSION

No closed session was held at this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway at 8:03 PM. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk