

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD MAY 12, 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 7:25 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

There were no minutes to approve at this meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SID BUDGET

The Mayor opened the meeting to the public. Seeing no one stepping forward, the Mayor asked for a motion to close.

A Motion to close the public hearing was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 5 Yes No: Councilman Laureys

Resolution #2016- 59- Authorizing the Adoption of the 2016 Budget of the Netcong Community Partnership Special Improvement District.

A motion to pass resolution #2016-59 was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Still.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

No: Councilman Laureys

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

- Mrs. Betty Hughson of 98 Allen St. wanted to present her concerns about the Herrick Rd. paving. She noted that when the county did the sidewalks and paving of Allen Street they removed all the markers on her property. Her house is right on the line of Herrick Rd. She provided the requested paperwork to Mayor Nametko. She is upset because Herrick Rd. is a mess. She was adamant that she does not own any of that property.

Mayor Nametko noted that he asked her to come to this meeting because he knows the Borough does not own Herrick Road. It is considered a private road. He wanted to reach out to the county to have this small road paved when they pave Allen Street. Mrs. Hughson asked why all Borough services are done on that street but the town will not take responsibility for the paving of the road. She also added that no one pays taxes for this land, so who will maintain it? She wanted to know why the town can't take ownership and maintain it. The Mayor asked if the Borough has received an estimate to pave it. Mrs. Hughson stated that the only portion that needs to be fixed goes to the telephone poll.

Mr. Blakeslee informed all that the Borough had someone else from another private road visit Borough Hall with the same question. He explained in other towns they have brought the road to municipal standards and did a special assessment to cover the costs.

Councilman Still asked how much area is involved. The response was "about 75 feet long."

The Mayor asked if we can get a quote to pave the existing area. Councilman Still wanted to know where we will be putting a curb in order to pave and if this would decrease the parking area for the current residents.

Councilman Hathaway asked if Bob Guerin has been contacted about this. Mr. Blakeslee replied that he did and he did not recommend it.

Mrs. Hughson noted that the cold patch does not last and why the road cannot be paved properly. She also explained how Gray supply parked their trucks while they were putting in the gas lines.

Councilman Sylvester asked what are the Borough is allowed to do.

Councilman Still has no problem fixing that area, but there has to be curbing to hold the road. The Mayor explained she would not lose her driveway. There

would still be a place for her to park. He also noted that the Borough could arrange for NJNG or Gray Supply to clean up the dirt they left behind.

Mr. Bucco recalled that the Borough performed title work on this property in the past. The Borough Clerk will search for files on title searches for this area.

Mr. Frank Tranor of 5 Herrick Rd came this evening to support Mrs. Hughson and find out how this area can get paved. He feels that if the driveways pull out onto that road it is a public road. The Mayor explained why that is not the situation.

Mr. Tranor asked how much it would cost to have it paved. Would it be possible for the Borough to add this road on to another project that they are working on? The Mayor explained it will cost more if the town gets involved because curbs would have to be installed. This would geometrically increase the costs. The Mayor again noted that the driveway is private.

Mr. Tranor would like to know how it could be made a Borough Street. Councilman Still explained that in order for the Borough to take it over it has to conform to standards which would be difficult due to space constraints. He noted that the easiest resolution would be for the property owners to have it paved like a driveway.

The Mayor offered that they research this and take another attempt to fix this. Mrs. Eckert will search for the deed to the firehouse in relation to this.

Councilman Hathaway provided additional information to help Mrs. Hughson. She wanted to let everyone know she was 83 and would really like to see this remedied soon.

Mr. Tranor asks if the town is able to pave up to that spot, he would like to know if he could pay to have the rest paved as well.

- Mr. David Costanzo of 27 Prospect St. was representing the BOE as president to thank them for the shared service agreement and all that the Council does to help with the success of the school. There are changes at the school which are moving in the right direction. They value the relationship between the school and Borough. The Mayor thanked the BOE for the job they do.

Seeing that there were no other requests to speak, the Mayor asked for a motion to close.

A Motion to Close the Meeting to the Public was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Koster.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

ORDINANCE ADOPTIONS

- 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

A Motion to Read Ordinance 2016-7 by Title Only on Second Reading and a Hearing Held Thereon was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.

Roll Call: 5 Yes No: Councilman Laureys

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

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes No: Councilman Laureys

Councilman Laureys wanted to go on record that he feels this ordinance is an invasion of privacy and big government at its worst. The tenants are responsible for taking care of themselves. Mayor Nametko responded that this ordinance protects the renters. No one stands up for the tenants' rights. These inspections foster life saving measures. Mr. Hathaway agreed that this saves people's lives and insures as renters they have the rights of being safe in their apartments.

A Motion to Adopt Ordinance #2016-7 was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 5 Yes No: Councilman Laureys

- 2. Ordinance 2016- 8** – An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance No. 2013-6 Fixing the Salaries of Certain Officers and Employees of the Borough of Netcong, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey.

A Motion to Read Ordinance 2016-8 by Title Only on Second Reading and a Hearing Held Thereon was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

The meeting was opened to the public by the Mayor for comment.

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

A Motion to Adopt Ordinance #2016-8 was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Netcong Planning Board – Master Plan Re-Examination

The Mayor explained that the reexamination is now performed every 10 years not 6. This information will be passed on to Ted Dunne and Planning Board

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

The HUD: Mr. Bucco explained that this situation is not as grave as the correspondence the Council received appeared. If the HUD grant is accepted, they will require municipalities to provide evidence that there is no discrimination. Because we are small we may not have to do this until 2019. It will cause us to fill out some forms and add layers of bureaucracy. We do have the option to not take the CEB money.

Mr. Blakeslee provided a report of a meeting about the well and review of documents provided with estimates to do the work. It is anticipated it will be under the threshold. He hopes to have something ready for the July meeting. The Mayor wants to know if the pump will be put back down where it was. It was discussed that the Council will be putting a section in the quote requiring a video be used to make sure it is put down as far as possible. Mike Vreeland will be working the quotes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance & Insurance: E. Still J. Sylvester

In the month of April the Borough had total income in the amount \$585,879.02 as compared to the previous year of \$459,028.91.

For the month of April 2016:

Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated (MRNA)

In 2016 the Borough received \$1,725.00 vs. \$19,382.99 in 2015

Other Licenses/Borough Clerks Fees:

In 2016 the Borough received \$7,200.02 vs. \$8,415.65 in 2015

State Aid

No state aid has been received as of this date.

Grants in Aid

In April 2016 the Borough received \$0 vs. \$4,837.85 in 2015

Taxes Collected

In 2016 the Borough collected \$576,954.00 vs. \$426,392.42 in 2015

Income Total Year to Date:

In 2016 the Borough had total income, year to date: \$2,684,693.00, as opposed \$2,526,493.77 in 2015.

Economic Development: R. Hathaway E. Still

Councilman Hathaway reported that the Quirk property and Crown Point are still performing environmental investigations. They met with the intended purchaser of the Pocketbook Factory. This party is in the final stages of purchasing the property.

The NJ Transit FRB should be completed shortly. NJ Transit was provided the criteria for the redevelopment plan.

NCP has agreed to plant two trees which will be cut into the sidewalks on Maple Ave. Palumbos and Deli Delicious as well as improving the welcome to Netcong signs.

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

Ambulance Corps April 2016 Report:

- Total Calls: 54, 2 calls out of town
- 32 Trips to the Hospital
- 32 Patients to five hospitals
- 826 miles
- 238 hours and 37 minutes volunteered

Fire Department April 2016:

- In town calls: 6
- Out of town RIC calls: 2
- In town assists: 4
- Total Calls: 12
- Drills: 6
- Meetings: 4
- Apparatus Checks: 1
- Special Details: 1
- Training: 3
- Total Fire Fighters: 53
- Total Involvements: 27
- Total Man Hours: 390.7

Councilman Still commented on the great attributes on the fire equipment recently received.

Police Department April 2016:

- 79 Motor Vehicle Summons
- 319 Calls

Councilman Sylvester read the following commendation from Chief Blesson for Sgt. VanHouten's squad. They used NARCAN to save a life.

On Sunday, May 8th 2016 you and your squad responded to a disturbance behind a local business on Maple Avenue. It was because of your quick response in assessing the situation when finding an unresponsive male in the front seat of a parked car you probably saved his life. Your squad investigated the scene and determined that the man in the car was overdosing on a suspected illegal narcotic. Patrolman Borgia used NARCAN to revive the man and after a few short minutes the man became responsive and will recover from his medical condition.

On Behalf of the Netcong Borough Police Department I would like to commend you all for your outstanding effort and exemplary attention to duty. It is important for you to know your good deeds and excellent work are not going unnoticed. Thank you for all that you do every day. You can take special pride in knowing that your efforts positively affect the quality of life in the Borough of Netcong. Once again thank you for all you do.

Councilman Sylvester reported that Squad calls need adjustment with county dispatch. Protocol is to send these calls to the paid unit, not the fire department on second calls.

The Mayor requested that a letter should be sent to the county. This protocol needs to be performed properly. Councilman Hathaway noted that this is a matter of life and death in some situations. He continued that this needs to change. It is a disregard for the protocol we gave them. Mr. Blakeslee offered that we may need to sit down with squad to make a clear plan. Councilman Still says this is serious and needs to be settled. Councilman Sylvester exclaimed that this needs to be fixed! Fire Chief Schelhammer has discussed this issue with the Police Chief.

The Mayor mentioned that Fire Co #2 will be having their food truck event this weekend. He sent condolences since he will not be able to attend.

Councilman Still inquired about very old human remains which were found behind Quirk. They are still under investigation.

Councilman Still heard one of our police officers almost got run over there was a domestic dispute and there was a driver in a car that backed up and knocked our

patrolman over. The Mayor noted that there were weapons found in the car. The policeman is well and has a few scrapes. Councilman Still would like to know when these things happen to our men. The Mayor stated that we need a protocol in place to notify the Council. Mr. Blakeslee will speak with the Chief.

Dept. of Public
Works & Utilities:

E. Koster

R. Hathaway

D.P.W. Monthly Report May 2016

Road Department: Picked up 84 cy of grass and leaves Picked up 60 cy of brush. ... Replaced stop sign at McMullen St. and Rt. 183 and installed No Parking signs along McMullen St. . .

Water Department: Install new water tap for Don Jose restaurant. .. Cut and chipped trees at the reservoir area... Repaired a broken water box at Bistro 46.... Repaired a water leak at 24 Ledgewood Ave. ...Performed April hydrant flushing....

Buildings & Grounds: Prepared all summer lawn equipment and started cutting Borough propertiesCompleted the new drain paving at FH 1.... Gutter contractor came in to make repairs at Borough garage and FH 2.... New DPW storage garage was built by Pioneer Pole Buildings and passed all inspections.... DPW painted the main office at Borough Hall...

Parks & Recreation: Opened all Borough parks and tennis courts including cleaning and inspection of the bathrooms daily...

Other: Ralph and Mike attended a Public Works Equipment Expo... Cut a large fallen tree and chipped the branches at the weed harvester landing....

Councilman Koster reported the status of water pumped and water leaks.

Recreation:

P. Butler

T. Laureys

Councilwoman Butler reported the Recreation Update for 5/12/16

1. This Saturday is our annual Town wide garage sale from 9-3. Maps can be picked up at Borough Hall (outside)
2. Believe it or not our Summer Concert Series will begin in only a few short weeks, starting Friday June 11th. Schedules can be found at Borough Hall or on the town website.

No comments were made by the Council at this time.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

The Mayor had no comments at this time.

RESOLUTIONS

1. **Resolution 2016- 60** – Authorizing the Tax Collector to Prepare and Mail Estimated Tax Bills in Accordance with P.L. 1994, C. 72

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

2. **Resolution 2016- 61** – 2016 Salary Resolution

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

3. **Resolution 2016- 62** – Authorizing the Award of a Contract to Mark Paving Co., Inc. for the Stoll Street Improvements, Phase II in the Borough of Netcong

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS

No ordinances were presented at this meeting.

REPORTS

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

BILLS

A Motion to Pay All Bills When Funds are Available was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilwoman Butler.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

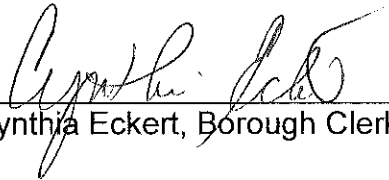
CLOSED SESSION

There was no closed session at this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made by Councilman Still at 8:33 PM seconded by Councilman Hathaway and was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,


Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk