

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD JULY 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 7:26 P.M.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**STATEMENT OF OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT**

The Borough Administrator 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 was Mr. Blakeslee, Borough Administrator.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Agenda Meeting – June 2, 2016
- Regular Meeting – June 9, 2016

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes

**PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING**

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

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes

## ORDINANCE ADOPTIONS

1. **Bond Ordinance 2016-9** – Bond Ordinance to Appropriate an Additional Sum of \$64,435.00 for the Railroad Avenue Water Main Replacement Project (Phase I) in, by and for the Water Utility of 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 will be carried to the July 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

2. **Ordinance 2016-10** – An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 276, Water, Section 276-5, Rates, of the Code of the Borough of Netcong, County of Morris and State of New Jersey

This ordinance will be carried to the July 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was presented at this meeting.

## OLD BUSINESS

1. Amendment to Station Area Redevelopment Plan

Councilman Hathaway provided details regarding the amendment. One item included providing more intensity closer to the station noting that was the method other counties were using. He noted this would provide a bargaining chip to have lesser intensity as one moves away from the station. The Council continued discussion regarding the units and parking size. Councilman Hathaway explained that this method increased rentals within the other communities' redevelopment projects. The Council discussed their authority level in dealing with the Transit's decisions along with the desires of the town's people. They also discussed their varying opinions regarding what other towns are doing. Councilman Hathaway detailed the Council's leverage points in this negotiation with Transit.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. Township of Pequannock Resolution 2016-123 – Supporting A-536/S2107 to Clarify Volunteer Positions Do Not Impact Retirement Benefits for Public Employees

The Mayor explained this resolution which was supported by the Council. This will be carried to the next meeting. The Council discussed the pros and cons.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL**

Councilman Hathaway was thrilled to report that he was able to work with various organizations to obtain a grant of over \$300,000.00 for the Lake Project. He noted that Pat wrote the grant and complimented others who were instrumental in obtaining this grant.

Councilman Sylvester asked about a property on Main Street. Mr. Blakeslee provided the status of this situation.

**MAYORS COMMENTS**

The Mayor had no comments at this time.

**RESOLUTIONS**

1. **Resolution #2016- 71** - Approving Liquor License for Harry Harris Holding, LLC for July 2016 – June 2017.

A motion was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Still.  
Roll Call: 4 Yes      Abstain: Councilman Sylvester

2. **Resolution 2016- 72** – Authorizing a Public Display of Fireworks by the St. Cesario Society at Arbolino Park

A motion was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Koster.  
Roll Call: 4 Yes      Abstain: Councilman Sylvester

3. **Resolution 2016- 73** – Authorizing a Public Display of Fireworks by the Assumption Society

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

4. **Resolution 2016- 74** – Authorizing the Abatement of Property Maintenance Ordinance Violations by the Borough

Councilman Hathaway and Mr. Blakeslee provided additional information regarding this resolution at the request of the Council.

Councilman Laureys expressed concern about the pools on those properties because of health issues.

A motion was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Still.  
Roll Call: 4 Yes      No: Councilman Laureys

**ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS**

No ordinances were introduced at this meeting.

**CLOSED SESSION**

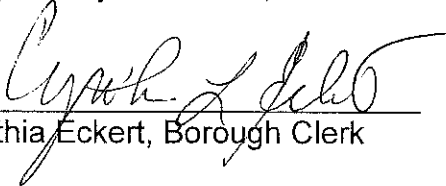
No closed session was held at this meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A Motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway at 8:15PM.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk