

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD OCTOBER 6, 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, and Mayor Nametko. Also present were Mr. Blakeslee, Borough Administrator and Mrs. Eckert, Borough Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway to approve the Agenda Meeting of September 1, 2016.
Roll Call: 5 Yes

A motion was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway to approve the Regular Meeting of September 8, 2016.
Roll Call: 3 Yes Abstain: Councilman Koster, and Councilman Laureys.

A motion was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway to approve the Closed Session of February 11, 2016.
Roll Call: 4 Yes Abstain: Councilwoman Butler

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

Mr. Mike O'Bremski from JCP&L, Dover NJ reported that his company has sent crews to Florida to assist with repairs with Hurricane Matthew. His reason for being at this meeting was to show the Mayor and Council the Power Systems Institute program which is a 2 year college program at Raritan Community College. He stated that this is a very demanding job many do not make the cut. Associates degree paid for by JCP&L. Many obtain jobs after earning the degree. He brought brochures to pass around. Classes are at Raritan Valley College and have been advertised. This includes both class time and on hands on experience and is a full time effort. He offered that through normal retirement, JCP&L will be losing 1/3 of their employees and are looking for young people. The Mayor and Councilman Still mentioned that a link should be on the web site and sent to the high school. There are no age or gender limitations.

Mr. O'Bremski also discussed the work regarding the repair on the pole across the street from Borough Hall. The Mayor asked how long it will take to fix the one on Allen Street. Mr O'Bremski will get back to us with a timeline. He also gave Mike Canfield a kilowatt hour for the lights in Arbolino Park. Mr. Blakeslee explained we are speaking about the cost of running the lights at Arbolino Park. Councilman Still asked if we can hang holiday lights. Mr. Blakeslee asked if there are grants for LED lights. Mr. O'Bremski says the state organizes those grants we will have to contact them.

Mr. David Costanzo, representing the president of the Netcong Board of Education invited the Council to come to their next meeting on November 22. They will be presenting their audit and will provide a report.

Seeing no one from the audience stepping forward, 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. Ordinance 2016-14-** To Amend Chapter 194, Land Development Procedures, of the Code of the Borough of Netcong, and Regulating the Number of Parking Spaces Required

This ordinance was carried to the October 13 meeting.

- 2. Ordinance 2016-15 –** To Amend the Redevelopment Plan Entitled "Borough of Netcong Station Area Redevelopment Plan", Dated February 2005

This ordinance was carried to the October 13 meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Borough of Madison – Resolution 267-2016

There were no questions or comments regarding this topic.

2. Verizon – Notice of Copper Retirement

The Mayor questioned whether this meant they would eventually get FIOS.

3. NJ League of Municipalities – Proposed Membership Dues

OLD BUSINESS

1. Quirk Property Redevelopment Ordinance

Mr. Blakeslee wanted to make sure this topic was on the agenda for discussion. He had sent it to the assigned Planner and there have been some changes to the ordinance but not the plan. Mr. Blakeslee noted that these were procedural differences of the plan not any contentious portions.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Membership Application for the N.J. State Firemen's Association – Jeff Jozowski – Fire Company # 1

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes

2. Membership Application for the N.J. State Firemen's Association – Chad DiRupo – Fire Company #1

A motion was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilwoman Butler.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

3. Best Practices – 2016 Report

Mr. Blakeslee provided an overview of the best practices 2016 checklist. He and Jason Gabloff worked on it together. He reported that the Borough received a score of 97%.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL

Council President Koster mentioned the Fireman’s Inspection on Monday which will take place at 5:45 at Hilltop Co. #2 and 6:15 at Maple Ave. Co. #1.

Councilman Hathaway provided information about an online program where one can vote for a new playground at the school. The school has to be a title one school to be eligible for the award of \$30,000.00. Councilman Hathaway noted that one can vote as many times as they like online. Whoever gets the most votes gets the money. He will give Mr. Blakeslee the details to pass on. He repeated that everyone can log in to the website and fill out a form and vote. Mr. Costanzo offered that this program is audited by Ernst & Young.

MAYORS COMMENTS

The Mayor had no comments at this time.

RESOLUTIONS

- 1. Resolution 2016- 88 – Fire Mutual Aid Agreement Between Participating Morris County Municipalities and Fire Districts Resolution Supporting the Morris County Fire Mutual Aid Plan in the Borough of Netcong, County of Morris, State of New Jersey**

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

- 2. Resolution 2016- 89- Rejecting All Bids Received for the Water Storage Reservoir Repairs in the Borough of Netcong and Authorizing the Borough Administrator to Re-Advertise for Bids for Said Project**

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

- 3. Resolution 2016- 90 – Authorizing the Award of a Negotiated Contract to Samuel Stothoff Co. Inc. for the Rehabilitation of Existing Well 1A in the Borough of Netcong**

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

PROCLAMATION

1. October 2016 – Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Mayor Nametko read the proclamation for the audience. The Council asked about tying ribbons like last year.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS

1. **Ordinance 2016-16** Establishing a Redevelopment Plan Entitled “Redevelopment Plan for Block 16.01, Lots 24 and 25.01”, Dated September 2016

This ordinance was carried to the October 13 meeting.

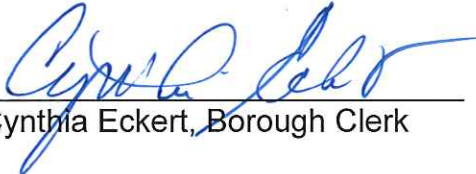
CLOSED SESSION

No closed session was held during this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made by Councilman Still at 7:54 PM seconded by Councilman Hathaway and was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk