

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD DECEMBER 1, 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 – November 3, 2016
- Regular Meeting – November 10, 2016

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes Abstain: Councilwoman Butler

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

Seeing no one stepping forward, 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

ORDINANCE ADOPTIONS

1. **Ordinance 2016-17** To Amend Chapter 262, Towing, of the Code of the Borough of Netcong Regarding Applications for Towing Operators

This ordinance was carried to the December 8th meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. DOT Letter – 2017 State Aid Programs

Mr. Blakeslee provided details of the programs and noted that Netcong would apply under the local aid category for Railroad Ave. He also made mention of Phase 2. The Borough has two grants from Community Block for the water mains on Railroad Ave. Mr. Blakeslee noted that this would be a good choice for completing that project. They also could apply for Carolyn Way resurfacing.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Blue and Red Street Striping

The Mayor requested updates. Mr. Blakeslee responded that he will have more details next week.

NEW BUSINESS

1. 2017 Community Block Grant Application

The Mayor noted that a group has been working on putting something together for this year. The recreation commission is working on a recreation master plan. He and the DPW Superintendent met several people at the league conference and will be entertaining redoing Arbolino Park basketball courts. The basketball court area was reviewed. This will be a long term project. This will be done with grant money. They will be looking at several options for this plan. This should also go along with the walking path Councilman Hathaway has been working on. If there is enough money we may be able to do an ADA ramp by the lake.

Councilman Sylvester asked if open space funds were considered. Councilman Hathaway said he has spoken with several freeholders about this. Councilman Laureys asked what type of exercise equipment will be put in were the playground is now. Mr Blakeslee explained it is equipment that would be used in the gym but would now be outside. The equipment is for able bodied people as well as those with disabilities. Councilman Laurey's asked how beneficial the ADA compliance would be financially. The Mayor explained these things are for many people not just for the disabled. He continued that this will draw people to the town. Councilman Laureys did not think we should be using grant money just because it is there to spend. The Mayor explained there is a need for these types of services because there are veterans and people with disabilities who would benefit. Councilman Laurey's felt that the need should be established before we apply for these grants. The Mayor responded that we have already

established there is a need. Councilman Koster explains the park will not be an ADA park but will be accessible to everyone including disabled people.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL

President Koster had nothing to report at this time.

Councilman Still inquired about the cost of the street sweeping. Mr. Blakeslee will have this information for next week's meeting. Roxbury's street sweeper will not handle leaves. Mr. Canfield is researching other options.

Councilman Still also asked about the holes from the gas lines on Highland Ave. Will they fill them with cold patch soon? He said Highland Ave. may be another road that should be paved. The Mayor replied Gray supply will come back and pave those areas.

MAYORS COMMENTS

The Mayor wanted to remind the Council that the Holiday Parade is this Sunday, December 4th. Councilman Hathaway pointed out the new decorations on the light poles were paid for by the NCP.

RESOLUTIONS

No resolutions were presented.

PROCLAMATION

No proclamation was reported.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS

No ordinances were introduced.

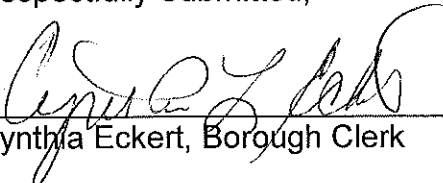
CLOSED SESSION

This meeting did not have a closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made by Councilman Still at 7:50 PM was seconded by Councilman Hathaway and was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,


Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk