

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD NOVEMBER 3, 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 – October 6, 2016
- Regular Meeting – October 13, 2016

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes Abstain: Councilman Sylvester

**PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING**

With no one coming forward, the Mayor asked for a motion to close the public hearing.

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

## **ORDINANCE ADOPTIONS**

1. **Ordinance 2016-16** Establishing a Redevelopment Plan Entitled "Redevelopment Plan for Block 16.01, Lots 24 and 25.01" Dated September 2016 (Quirk Property)

This ordinance was carried to the November 11, 2016 meeting.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. DEP News Release – Drought Warning Issued for 14 NJ Counties

The Mayor noted that this includes Netcong. The Mayor asked to we have this on the website. The warning is voluntary at this time.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Hillside Ave. Residents – Water Issue

Mr. Blakeslee provided an update: Hillside Ave. water quality has improved since the hyper flushing was performed. 500 pounds of sediment was removed. 95% of the pipe was down to bare metal. The water quality is still slightly murky. DPW will monitor to see if there is improvement. Councilman Still asked if everyone has better water pressure. Mr. Blakeslee replied "yes". Councilman Still advised that once the metal is exposed again it needs to oxidize and rust before the water is clear. It is just a matter of time and the quality is better by the end of each day. There was discussion in the office to credit the effected residents. The thought was to credit them for water for several quarters due to the inconvenience they have experienced from this problem. Councilman Laureys asked if we can talk to the borough attorney about this issue. The Mayor was concerned the Borough would be opening Pandora's Box as this will set precedence for future issues. Councilman Hathaway offered that we need to be sure this is resolved before crediting money would be considered. Further discussion ensued between the Council members. Mr. Blakeslee explained he wanted the Council's opinion on the crediting of these accounts. The Mayor says we should consider replacing this pipe since we are in the midst of a large water project.

Mr. Blakeslee also introduced an issue which occurred this week. There seems to be an oil leak under the sidewalk on Maple Ave. The insurance should cover the costs for this problem. The Borough has a remediation specialist who will be investigating this situation.

Mr. Blakeslee also spoke with the Fire Chief; they will be applying for a FEMA grant to replace breathing apparatus. The Borough will be responsible for 5% of the cost. The grant deadline is November 10<sup>th</sup>. Councilman Still asked if they need a resolution from the Council. Mr. Blakeslee replied that they did not.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Motion to go to bid for Ledgewood Ave Project.

A motion was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Still to go to bid.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

2. Motion to go to bid for Railroad Ave Project.

Councilman Still asked if we solved the issue with Mrs. Amico. Mr. Blakeslee explained the engineer determined that this was not the Council's issue but the issue of the homeowner.

Councilman Hathaway said Mrs. Amico had suggested another homeowner had performed work to change the flow of water. The engineer gave her several suggestions on things they could do to improve the situation.

A motion was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Hathaway to go to bid.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

## **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL**

The Council president had nothing to bring to the Council at this time.

Councilman Hathaway says the lake has been drawn down. A shoreline cleanup has been scheduled. Lake front property owners can bring black bags and DEP will collect them.

Councilman Koster asked about the dredger. Councilman Hathaway said the paperwork is on its way. He explained the plan for this has been in motion. The Borough should have the machine by the summer of next year. Public areas will be dredged first.

Councilman Koster asked about the microbe study and when it will be completed. Councilman Hathaway is hoping it will be ready for the next Lake Board meeting. The good news he wanted to report is that the lake is getting deeper everywhere not just where they placed the microbe. These results were unexpected. Councilman Hathaway provided additional information regarding this project.

## **MAYORS COMMENTS**

The Mayor wished to remind everyone that November 26<sup>th</sup> is small business Saturday. They are encouraging all elected officials to visit some of the businesses and introduce themselves.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

- 1. Resolution 2016-94**-Approving the Holiday Schedule for the 2017 Calendar Year

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

- 2. Resolution 2016- 95** – Authorizing the Award of a Contract to Gaeta Recycling Co., Inc. for Garbage Collection and Disposal Services

A motion was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Sylvester to award this contract.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

- 3. Resolution 2016- 96** – Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Professional Services to Conduct a Feasibility and Cost Study to Raise the Height of One of the Vehicle Doors at the Netcong Fire Company Building (Fire House #1)

A motion was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Still to award this contract.

Roll Call: 5 Yes      No: Councilman Koster

- 4. Resolution 2016- 97** – Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Professional Services to Conduct an Evaluation of the ADA Access Route Serving the Municipal Building

Councilman Still asked if we already have this on file. Mr. Blakeslee said there was a report when ADA compliance began.

Councilman Laureys asked about the purpose of this study. Mr. Blakeslee provided an explanation. Councilman Laureys asked why we can't just do the work. Councilman Hathaway explained an architect is required because the portals for these doors are changing. Plus an architect is required to inspect this work. Councilman Laureys was concerned that this is costing the taxpayers unnecessary expense. It was noted that the Borough received many complaints from residents about these doors. Mr. Blakeslee explained if we can get grant money we may be able to get automated doors.

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

## **PROCLAMATION**

No proclamation was presented during this meeting.

## **ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS**

There were no ordinances presented at this meeting.

**CLOSED SESSION**

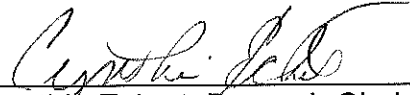
No closed session occurred during this meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A Motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made by Councilman Still at 8:07 PM and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk