

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD DECEMBER 8, 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 Laureys, Councilman Still, Councilman Sylvester, and Mayor Nametko. Also present were Mr. Blakeslee, Borough Administrator and Mrs. Eckert, Borough Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No Minutes were presented at this meeting.

RESOLUTION TO HIRE CLASS II SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER

1. **Resolution #2016-100** -To Hire Gerard Hardiman as Class II Special Police Officer of the Netcong Police Department

A motion was made by Councilman Sylvester and second by Councilman Still.
Roll Call: 5 Yes

SWEARING IN OF GERARD HARDIMAN AS CLASS II SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER

Mr. Hardiman was sworn in by Mrs. Eckert.

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

Seeing no one stepping forward, Councilman Still made a Motion to Close the Meeting to the Public and was seconded by Councilwoman Butler.
Roll Call: 5 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

A Motion to Read Ordinance 2016-17 by Title Only on Second Reading and a Hearing Held Thereon was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.

The Chairman opened the meeting to the public.

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

A Motion to Adopt Ordinance #2016-17 was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence presented at this meeting.

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Councilman Sylvester asked if there was any information about the heater at the firehouse. Mr. Canfield provided an update. There was a brief discussion on this matter.

Councilman Hathaway asked if there is any additional information on the Pocketbook Factory. Mr. Blakeslee gave a brief summary. The Council discussed the delay in the progress of this property. Mayor Nametko expressed his disappointment. Mr. Blakeslee explained that discussions with Norfolk Southern are very time consuming.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance & Insurance: E. Still J. Sylvester

Councilman Still noted that the Finance Committee is meeting next week to begin the budget process.

In the month of November 2016 the Borough had total income in the amount \$1,675,198.50 as compared to the previous year of \$1,582,722.17.

For the month of November 2016:

Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated (MRNA)

In 2016 the Borough received \$899.50 vs. \$965.95 in 2015

Other Licenses/Borough Clerks Fees:

In 2016 the Borough received \$16,441.04 vs. \$5,974.52 in 2015

The Borough collected a total of \$12,105 in rental registration fees in 2016, which is an increase of \$11,545 over 2015.

State Aid

In November the Borough received \$47,311.68 in state aid, as compared to \$49,685.30 in 2015.

The Borough received \$2,373.62 in Senior Citizens & Veterans Tax Discount Reimbursement. This is due to recent state audits that disqualified some residents from the program, some eligible residents selling their homes or passing away.

Grants in Aid

In November the Borough received a \$2,061.80 grant funding for fire safety.

Taxes Collected

In 2016 the Borough collected \$1,608,484.48 vs. \$1,521,700.90 in 2015.

Income Total Year to Date:

Total income to date in 2016 is \$9,092,054.68, as opposed \$8,663,092.61 in 2015.

Economic Development: R. Hathaway E. Still

Councilman Hathaway provided an update on Crown Point and the Quirk property. They have completed their transaction so they can now proceed with their redevelopment project. Councilman Hathaway is hopeful the there will finally be forward movement. They are hoping to break ground in April. Councilman Sylvester asked what the other situation mentioned was. The response was Maple Ave and the waterfall that exists by the railroad tracks. Councilman Hathaway detailed these points.

Public Safety:
(Police, Fire, Rescue)

J. Sylvester

E. Koster

Mr. Sylvester asked if there is any progress on the study for Co. #1 fire doors. Mr. Blakeslee says we should have a report by Friday.

Ambulance Corps, October 2016

Total Calls: 71
Out of town: 1 Hopatcong
Patients: 43
Trips to hospital: 31
Miles 786
Hours Volunteered: 378 hours, 21 minutes

Netcong Fire Department, November 2016

Total Alarms: 8
Out of town calls: 2 RIC
In town squad assist: 1
Total Calls: 11
Drills: 5
Meetings: 4
Total Fire Fighters: 50
Total Involvements: 20
Total Hours: 375.6

Police Report, November 2016

Total Calls: 280
Motor Vehicle Violations: 107
Local Ordinances: 45
Councilman Sylvester was very pleased about the new addition to the Squad.

Dept. of Public
Works & Utilities:

E. Koster

R. Hathaway

D.P.W. Monthly Report December 2016 (reported by Councilman Hathaway)

Road Department: Picked up 292 cy of leaves Picked up 32 cy of brush The DPW attempted to plant a new tree on Maple Ave. but had to cancel because of suspected underground oil contamination and we are working with the EJIF and the Vozza Agency on how to proceed with proper protocol. ...Installed new asphalt at an old water repair on Helen Way...

Water Department: Performed November water meter readings
...Performed November town wide hydrant flushing....

Buildings & Grounds: Dug a hole and removed old footing at FH #2 for construction of the new monumentStarted replacing areas of broken brick face at FH #2 ...Planted new tree at DiRenzo Park near the gazebo ...Performed first leaf cleaning at Borough propertiesHung new bows and garland purchased by the NCP on all the decorative lamp posts on Main St., Maple Ave. and Ledgewood Ave.Installed decorations at Borough Hall and the Christmas tree at FH #1....

Parks & Recreation: Closed and winterized bathrooms at DiRenzo and Arbolino Parks...

Snow: Performed a site visit with our plowing contractor, Peterson Tree Service, to inspect their plow equipment....

Other: Assisted Netcong School with anchor holes for their new shed.... Delivered meals for Dial a Ride during Wendy's absence ...Mike Canfield attended the League of Municipalities Convention in Atlantic City....Picked up and returned message boards and light towers borrowed from the County for use at the Holiday Parade

Recreation:

P. Butler

T. Laureys

- On Nov 19th the Recreation Commission had a bus trip to see Cirque du Soleil on Broadway. This was a sold out bus trip and a great time was had by all.
- This year's holiday parade took place last Sunday. We had over 20 registrants which included fire trucks, utility vehicles, floats and marchers. At the end of the parade, Company#1 Fire house, there was live entertainment providing Christmas music during and after the parade. We also had photos with Santa as well as a few actors from the Growing Stage's "A Christmas Carol."
- On Sunday Dec 18th, we will be out judging homes for our annual house decorating contest.
- As we move into 2017 we have already booked our next bus trip to see a Bronx Tale on Saturday March 4th. Also, mark your calendars for Saturday February 4th which will be our Restaurant Showcase which will be held at the Growing Stage.

Public Services:

T. Laureys

P. Butler

(Human Services
Recycling & Solid
Waste Disposal)

Councilman Laureys reported the following for the month of: November 2016

Days of service: 12
Miles: 656
Number of stops: 54
Nutrition for 2 people: 6
Food shopping 22 people: 49
Number of Meals on Wheels: 10
Medical Appointments: 11
Other Appointments: 38
People Using Services: 46
Cancels: 20
Denials: 9
Units: 250
Hours: 66.25

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was presented this evening.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Membership Application for Fire Company #1- Scott Stevens

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL

Councilman Still thanks the police, DPW and Recreation for the great job with the holiday parade.

Councilman Sylvester apologized for interrupting Councilman Laureys last week.

Councilman Hathaway also reported that the lake should be in a drawdown state but seems to be full. He sent out several emails about this matter. As the Netcong representative he has been on top of this.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

The Mayor stated that the parade was great. He said it was flawless and wished to thank all involved.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution 2016- 101 – To Redeem Tax Sale Certificate 16-00002

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes

2. Resolution 2016- 102- To Redeem Tax Sale Certificate 16-00004

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes

3. Resolution 2016- 103 – Authorizing the Cancellation of Small Balances Under the Amount of \$10.00

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes

4. Resolution 2016- 104 – Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for Work Associated with ADA North Contract 1

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes

5. Resolution 2016- 105 – Authorizing the Payment of Annual Stipends to Certain Borough Employees

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes

6. Resolution 2016- 106 – Authorizing a Professional Services Contract with Thomas C. Bambrick, LSRP of First Environment, Inc. for Environmental Technical Support Associated with 13 Maple Avenue, Netcong, New Jersey

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes

- 7. Resolution 2016- 107** – To Authorize the Transfer of Items of Appropriation in the 2016 Current Fund Budget in Accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:4-58

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes

- 8. Resolution 2016- 108** – Confirming the Costs for Abatement of Property Maintenance Code Violations by the Borough of Netcong

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

Roll Call: 4 Yes No: Councilman Laureys

- 9. Resolution 2016- 109** –Authorizing the Sale of Municipal Surplus

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes

- 10. Resolution 2016- 110** – Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Roxbury Animal Hospital for the Care of Cats and Dogs for the CY 2017

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes

- 11. Resolution 2016- 111** – Consenting to the Sale and Transfer of 1,450 Gallons Per Day of Sewer Capacity Allocation Reservation by the Borough of Stanhope to the Township of Byram

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes

- 12. Resolution 2016- 112** – Establishing a List of Towing Operators and Associated Towing Fees in Accordance with Chapter 262, Towing, of the Code of the Borough of Netcong

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes

- 13. Resolution 2016- 113** – Authorizing the Acceptance and Execution of an Agreement between the Borough of Netcong and the Netcong Borough Fraternal Order of Police Officers

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

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS

No ordinances were introduced at this meeting.

REPORTS

A Motion to Incorporate All Reports into the Minutes was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.
Roll Call: 5 Yes

BILLS

A Motion to Pay All Bills When Funds are Available was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.
Roll Call: 5 Yes

CLOSED SESSION

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231 P.L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Netcong, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of an action upon the specified subject matter.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:
 - **Attorney-Client Privilege – OPRA Request**
3. It is anticipated that the minutes on the subject matters of the closed session will be made public upon conclusion, dismissal or settlement of litigation; or final resolution of agreements on personnel matters; and in any event, when appropriate pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-7 and 4-13.
4. The Council will come back into open session and may take further action.

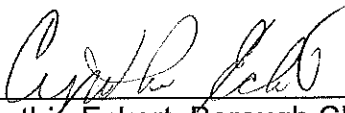
A Motion to go into Closed Session was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Hathaway at 8:04 PM
Roll Call: 5 Yes.

The Council resumed public session at 8:30 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made by Councilman Still at 8:32 PM seconded by Councilman Hathaway and was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk