

BOROUGH OF NETCONG

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD DECEMBER 7, 2017 AT THE NETCONG MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 23 MAPLE AVENUE, NETCONG, NEW JERSEY COMMENCING AT 7:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by council President Jack Sylvester 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 6, 2017.
2. Publishing a notice in the Daily Record, the official newspaper of the Borough of Netcong on January 11, 2017 and mailing a copy to The Star Ledger on January 6, 2017.

ROLL CALL

Those in attendance this evening were Councilman Albensi, Councilman Hathaway, Councilman Koster, Councilman Laureys, Councilman Still and Councilman Sylvester. Also present were Mr. Blakeslee, Borough Administrator and Mrs. Eckert, Borough Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Agenda Meeting – November 2, 2017
- Regular Meeting – November 9, 2017

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

Roll Call for November 2: 6 Yes

Roll Call for November 9: 5 Yes Abstain: Councilman Koster

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

Seeing no one stepping forward, a Motion to close the meeting to the public was made by Councilman Albensi and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

ORDINANCE ADOPTIONS

There were no Ordinance Adoptions during this meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Anna Madonna Letter – Retirement

Councilman Sylvester thanked Mrs. Madonna for her long-time service. She will be missed and hard to replace.

Councilman Still made a motion to accept Mrs. Madonna's retirement.

Councilman Koster seconded the motion.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

2. Dulari Sawhney Letter – Water Leak Incident

Councilman Hathaway stated we have not given relief to others in the past. We might write a letter explaining we understand his situation but we cannot give relief. However, we can work with him to set up a payment plan. Councilman Laureys asked if we should consult our attorney.

In response to Councilman Laurey's concerns, Councilman Hathaway suggested Mr. Blakeslee ask the attorney to write a letter to be voted on next week.

A Motion to authorize the Borough Administrator to ask our attorney to script a letter of opinion on this situation to be voted on next week was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Still.

Roll Call: 5 Yes Abstain: Councilman Koster

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was presented

NEW BUSINESS

1. CDBG Application – Phase 2 at Arbolino Park

Mr. Blakeslee provided details regarding this topic and noted that the application must be submitted by Dec. 15th. It was noted that the Council needs to discuss this at a public meeting in order to apply. A motion is not needed at this time.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL

Councilman Hathaway offered that he will not be here next week. He would like to recognize all of those involved in the Holiday Parade. He provided specifics about some of the people and service involved.

Councilman Hathaway referred to the public portion of the last meeting and provided details about the school Color Run. He commented that he is grateful for the hard work that the Police Department did for this event.

Councilman Still said a policy is being worked on right now for future events like this and will be brought to the Council.

Councilman Sylvester thanked Sharon Still for orchestrating the Holiday Parade.

Councilman Sylvester noted that the NCP president was here last month and he is glad this organization has become everything it was meant to be. However, he is disappointed that the arrow on the sign was not done with arrowhead feathers. He was told by the wood worker who did the sign that the feathers could not be put on the arrow. He feels members of the NCP ignored the directive from the Council and did what they wanted and had the arrow head on the sign done differently than directed.

Councilman Hathaway was in agreement with Councilman Sylvester's concerns and explained what happened. Lengthy discussion ensued regarding the sign. Councilman Hathaway is working on fixing the sign.

MAYORS COMMENTS

The Mayor was not present at this meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

1. **Resolution 2017-116-** To Approve Water/Sewer Refund for 29 Wiltop Rd.
2. **Resolution 2017-117-** Authorizing the Approval of Change Order No. 2 for the Railroad Ave. Phase 1 Contract with Reivax Contracting Co.

A motion to approve both applications presented at this meeting was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

PROCLAMATION

There were no proclamations at this meeting.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS

No ordinances were introduced

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

Mr. David Costanza of 27 Prospect St. reported that the school wanted to thank the Police for their help with the Color Run but they were hesitant to write a letter. He thanks the police for all that they have done.

A Motion to Close the Meeting to the Public was made by Councilman Albensi and seconded by Councilman Koster.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

CLOSED SESSION

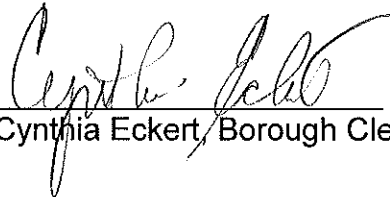
No closed session was required at this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway at 7:49 PM.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Cynthia Eckert", written over a horizontal line.

Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk