

BOROUGH OF NETCONG

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD APRIL 12, 2018 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 12, 2018.
2. Publishing a notice in the Daily Record, the official newspaper of the Borough of Netcong on January 17, 2018 and mailing a copy to The Star Ledger on January 12, 2018.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No meeting minutes were presented.

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

Mr. Frank Donisi – 144 Main Street- he just bought this property and discovered that many things had to be done and now he has received a bill for the SID assessment. He would like to know why he is getting this additional assessment. Mrs. Eckert explained this is not additional he is already paying it in his taxes. Mr. Donisi then asks about his water bill. There is brief discussion on the difficulties he is having with his property. He is directed to speak with the tax assessor by Mr. Blakeslee.

Mr. JD DiRenzo – 42 College Rd. He is interested in improving DiRenzo Park by doing a door to door fundraiser. He explained the different ways he would like to raise these funds. He described the possible improvements to the park. He asked if the Council had

any questions. The Council asked several questions about the different possibilities. JD described the different possibilities. The Mayor asked which activity his favorite was. He replied 'the roller coaster'. Councilman Hathaway asked what activities are permissible at this park. Mr. Blakeslee responded to this question and made suggestions on what some realistic possibilities are. Councilman Albensi suggested a climbing wall that could be attached to the current playground equipment. Councilman Laureys suggested Arbolino Park has more space to put some of these activities. Councilman Hathaway suggested maybe the balcony and climbing wall are achievable as well as the zipline. There is brief discussion among the Council on the possibilities. The Mayor asked about the nerf course suggesting this would be a simple project to start with. He provided his reasoning to the audience, JD thanked the Council for their time.

Rick Pietz -8 Main St –was here to inquire about the property at 10 Main St. He received a letter for a \$200.00 assessment for the SID he is requesting it be removed because there are no income or commercial possibilities at this time. Councilman Laureys said the only way he can see that being changed is by eliminating the SID. The Mayor asked if there is something in the ordinance about vacant land not being assessed. The Mayor said we may not settle this tonight but we will look into it and let him know. Mr. Blakeslee will investigate. Mr. Pietz thanked the Council for their time.

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

Roll Call: 4 Yes

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SID ASSESSMENTS

A Motion to close the Public Hearing was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Albensi.

Roll Call: 3 Yes No: Councilman Laureys

Resolution #2018-39 - Resolution Approving the Property Assessments for the Netcong Community Partnership Special Improvement District of the Borough of Netcong

A motion to approve this resolution was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Albensi.

Roll Call: 3 Yes No: Councilman Laureys

Resolution #2018-40 – Approving the Introduction of the 2018 Budget of the Netcong Community Partnership Special Improvement District and Authorizing a Public Hearing to Be Held Thereon

A motion to approve this resolution was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Albensi.

Roll Call: 3 Yes No: Councilman Laureys

ORDINANCE ADOPTIONS

- 1. Ordinance 2018-2-** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE POLICE CHIEF TO EXECUTE AN APPLICATION FOR A CHARITABLE SOLICITATION PERMIT FOR AMERICAN LEGION AMBULANCE CORP OF STANHOPE/NETCONG'S "COIN DROP" ON JUNE 8TH, JUNE 9TH 2018 AND ON SEPTEMBER 7TH, AND SEPTEMBER 8TH, 2018 AT THE INTERSECTIONS OF ALLEN STREET AND LEDGEWOOD AVENUE AND MAIN STREET AND ROUTE 46 IN THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

A Motion to Read Ordinance 2018-2 by Title Only on Second Reading and a Hearing Held Thereon was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Albensi.

Roll Call: 4 Yes

No one from the public came forward.

A Motion to Close the Public Hearing was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Albensi.

Roll Call: 4 Yes

A Motion to Adopt Ordinance #2018-2 was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Albensi.

Roll Call: 4 Yes

- 2. Ordinance 2018-3-** An Ordinance Fixing the Salaries of Certain Officers and Employees of the Borough of Netcong, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey

A Motion to Read Ordinance 2018-3 by Title Only on Second Reading and a Hearing Held Thereon was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Albensi.

Roll Call: 4 Yes

No one from the public came forward.

A Motion to Close Public Hearing was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Albensi.

Roll Call: 4 Yes

A Motion to Adopt Ordinance #2018-3 was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Albensi.

Roll Call: 4 Yes

- 3. Ordinance 2018-4-** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG BY THE INCLUSION OF A NEW CHAPTER 56 TO BE ENTITLED "PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

A Motion to Read Ordinance 2018-4 by Title Only on Second Reading and a Hearing Held Thereon was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Albensi.

Roll Call: 4 Yes

No one from the public came forward.

A Motion to Close Public Hearing was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Albensi.

Roll Call: 4 Yes

A Motion to Adopt Ordinance #2018-4 was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Albensi.

Roll Call: 4 Yes

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence presented.

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Blakeslee read a letter from the Fire Chief that he received today asking for the use of Arbolino Park for the Food Truck Festival.

A motion to approve contingent on Police approval was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Albensi.

Roll Call: 4 Yes

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance & Insurance: E. Still J. Sylvester

The Mayor read the report due to Councilman Still's absence

In the month of March 2018 the Borough had a total income in the amount of \$138,216.11 as compared to March 2017 of \$109,501.60.

For the month of March 2017:

Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated (MRNA):

In 2018 the Borough received \$16,078.00 compared to \$1,178.19 in 2017

Included in this figure are monies received from Byram Township for 2017 construction fees and the sale of water meters on Gov Deals.

Other Licenses/Borough Clerks Fees:

In 2018 the Borough received \$10,739.39 compared to \$9,378.80 in 2017.

State Aid:

We didn't receive any state aid for March 2018 or March 2017.

Grants in Aid:

There was \$25,723.75 received during March 2018 compared to March 2018 where there was \$2,317.25 received.

Taxes Collected:

The Borough collected \$85,674.97 in 2018 compared to \$96,629.36 in 2017

Income Total Year to Date:

The Total Income Year to date for 2018 is \$2,205,781.97 as opposed to \$2,205,391.25 in 2017.

Economic Development: R. Hathaway E. Still

Councilman Hathaway said there is not much new at this point. He provided an update on the Crown Point project which continues to move forward.

The Shop Rite project report for the redevelopment area will be going to the Planning Board this month. There should be a report ready for the Council in June. Mr. Bucco asked if there are any discussions for a PILOT program for these redevelopments. The response was 'no.' Mr. Bucco explained possibilities on studies that can be done to give the Borough good information to make an informed decision.

There will be an art festival at the gazebo property sponsored by Morris County Arts. Art will be displayed in the old bank building. He felt this will be a good way to draw families from other areas to our downtown area.

Public Safety: J. Sylvester E. Koster
(Police, Fire, Rescue)

Councilman Koster read the reports.

Ambulance Corps

Calls Answered: 59

Out of town calls: 1

Total Calls: 60

Total Patients: 42

Total trips to hospital: 35

Miles: 958
Hours Volunteered: 213 hrs. 37 minutes
2 assists by the Netcong Fire Department

Police Report

92 Summonses
32 Local Summonses

Dept. of Public
Works & Utilities: E. Koster R. Hathaway

Councilman Koster read the reports.

D.P.W. Monthly Report April 2018

Road Department: Cold patch pot holes throughout townRepaired broken street signs at North St @ RR Ave & Church St near Cross St. ...Repaired a broken storm drain lid on Main St near RR tracks...

Water Department: Repair broken water box at 24 Ledgewood Ave... Installed a new chlorine injector at well #5....

Buildings & Grounds: American Glass replaced the broken window on the garage door at FH 1....Installed new LED lights at Borough Hall entrance as well as side and back parking lots....Repaired a door latch, sewer clog, and soap dispenser at the Borough Hall ladies roomAbcode camera service was in to make repairs and service the cameras at the Borough Parks....Installed the benches on Main St and at the GazeboR&J Control serviced all Borough generators after extended power outage....

Snow: Plowed and or salted on March 2nd, 7th, 13th, 21", and 22nd... Received delivery of 424 tons of salt during the 2017-18 plowing season....Moved large snow piles throughout town ...Made numerous repairs to plow equipment from the harsh winter season....

Other: A new company has reinstated our E-Waste service at the Recycle Center through 2018The Borough received \$5130.00 for the sale of our out of service water meters on Gov Deals.... Mike Canfield and Tom Mendel attended a Recycling/Clean Communities Class....

YTD 4,000,620 gallons less was noted by Councilman Koster.

Recreation: J. Albensi T. Laureys

Councilman Albensi provided the following additional information along with the report:

Municipal Alliance – there will be an anti-bully program for both students and parents. He went on to explain this event in detail.

June 9th Municipal Alliance and Recreation Commission will be doing a carnival in the park. He explained the details of this event.

Last year the Alliance did two running programs last year. They will be doing their own run club this year. He explained the details of this event as well. He said they are now keeping track of the volunteer hours for the Alliance and stated they have 49 hours thus far.

Recreation Commission-YTD 93 volunteer hours

1. Waitress Bus Trip was held on Saturday 3/10 with a sold-out bus. Group had a lot of fun and play was awesome. Got to see Sara Barielles perform her last show.
2. We have booked "Book of Mormon" for Saturday November 3rd - we are sold out!!
3. The Easter Event with the PTA took place on Saturday 3/24. Due to a mix-up with location logistics the Mayor was kind enough to offer Bora Hall for location. We had photos with the Easter Bunny, ice cream from Cliffs, a DJ, and the kids were able to hunt for eggs outside in the parking lot. A fun time was had by all.
4. Summer Camp - Both Netcong and Stanhope have decided not to pursue a summer camp this year due to the lack of time needed to present a worthwhile camp to all families. We will be working with Byram and Stanhope next year to hopefully combine efforts. Mount Olive Recreation has offered any family who may be interested in Netcong to attend any one of their camps at same rate as Mt. Olive residents.
5. Tai Chi is off to a great start! Our first class was held at Bora Hall but going forward we will meet at DiRenzo Park. This class offers great stretching, balance, and relaxation opportunities.
6. Paint & Sip Fundraiser will be held on Friday June 1st at Hilltop Firehouse. The cost per person is \$40 with all proceeds going to our local food banks. Flyers will go out the week of 4/16.
7. Garage Sale signups took place this past Saturday. If you haven't registered please stop by Bora Hall.
8. Kids Day event is in the works - scheduled for Saturday June 9th.

Public Services:
(Human Services
Recycling & Solid
Waste Disposal

T. Laureys

J. Albensi

Councilman Laureys reads the report for Dial a Ride

- Days of Service: 21
- Miles: 1048
- # of Stops: 64
- Nutrition for 3 people: 9
- Food Shopping: 49
- # of Meals on Wheels: 11
- Medical Appointments: 18
- Other Appointments: 57
- People Using Services: 36
- Cancells: 33 (weather)
- Denials: 0
- Units: 286
- Hours: 90.75

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to report.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to report.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL

Councilman Koster wished Mr. Bucco a happy birthday.

He thanked the DPW for their hard work this winter. The roads were fantastic.

Councilman Koster wished to discuss an insurance issue. One of the fire trucks had blown a tire on route 80. The money was supposed to be returned but couldn't be because it needed to go into the general fund. He said he feels every department needs to know that this money comes out of their budget and doesn't come back to that budget but goes into the general fund. He suggested a policy change. Mr. Blakeslee explained the process and said he will talk to the CFO about this issue. Councilman Hathaway asked what would happen if the repair exceeds the department's budget, would it exhaust the entire budget. Mr. Blakeslee explained this happens often and

provided some background. The Council discussed scenarios at length. Councilman Koster could not understand how money can be used from a department's budget and then go back to the town instead of the department budget line. The Mayor said he understands Councilman Koster's concern. There was continued discussion on this issue. Councilman Hathaway suggested the most important thing to do would be establishing what a catastrophic loss would be. Mr. Blakeslee will discuss this with the CFO and report back at next month's meeting.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

The Mayor had no comment at this time.

RESOLUTIONS

- 1. Resolution #2018- 41-** To Award a Contract to HRS Drilling Co., Inc. for the Rehabilitation of Well No. 2 in the Borough of Netcong, Morris County, New Jersey

A motion was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Albensi to approve this resolution.

Roll Call: 4 Yes

- 2. Resolution #2018- 42-**To Redeem Tax Sale Certificate 17-00009 Hodge –
24 Railroad Ave.

A motion was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Albensi to approve this resolution.

Roll Call: 4 Yes

- 3. Resolution #2018- 43-**Expressing Its Opposition to Proposed Legislation to Permit the Recreational Use of Marijuana in the State of New Jersey

A motion was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Albensi to approve this resolution.

Roll Call: 3 Yes No: Councilman Hathaway

- 4. Resolution #2018- 44-**Authorizing a Professional Services Contract with Gail N. McKenna, CPG.CHMM and LSRP of Care Environmental Remediation Services, Inc. for the Closure of a Single Regulated Oil Water Separator Waste Oil Underground Storage Tank at the Borough's DPW Facility

A motion was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Albensi to approve this resolution.

Roll Call: 4 Yes

5. Resolution #2018- 45-To Designate Netcong Borough as a Stigma Free Community

A motion was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Albensi to approve this resolution.

Roll Call: 4 Yes

6. Resolution #2018- 46-To Redeem Tax Sale Certificate 15-00004 Carlson – 108 Stoll St.

A motion was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Albensi to approve this resolution.

Roll Call: 4 Yes

7. Resolution #2018- 47-Authorizing the Award of a Contract to M Sky Construction Corporation for the Railroad Avenue and Marc Court Street Improvements Project- Phase 2, Located in the Borough of Netcong

A motion was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Albensi to approve this resolution.

Roll Call: 4 Yes

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS

1. Ordinance 2018-5 - Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank

A Motion to Introduce Ordinance #2018-5- and Read by Title Only was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Albensi.

Roll Call: 4 Yes

A Motion to Pass Ordinance #2018-5 on First Reading was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Albensi.

Roll Call: 4 Yes

2. Ordinance 2018- 6- To Amend Chapter 54 "Police Department" of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Netcong Related to Requisites for Appointment and Promotion in the Department

A Motion to Introduce Ordinance #2018-6- and Read by Title Only was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Albensi.

Roll Call: 4 Yes

A Motion to Pass Ordinance #2018-6 on First Reading was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Albensi.

Roll Call: 4 Yes

3. Bond Ordinance 2018- 7 - BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT AND A NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLE, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$355,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

A Motion to Introduce Bond Ordinance #2018-7- and Read by Title Only was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Albensi.

Roll Call: 4 Yes

A Motion to Pass Bond Ordinance #2018-7- on First Reading was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Albensi.

Roll Call: 4 Yes

4. Bond Ordinance 2018- 8 - BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$550,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE STATE GRANTS, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

A Motion to Introduce Bond Ordinance #2018-8- and Read by Title Only was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Albensi.

Roll Call: 4 Yes

A Motion to Pass Bond Ordinance #2018-8- on First Reading was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Albensi.

Roll Call: 4 Yes

5. Capital Ordinance 2018-9 - CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF A BACKHOE IN, BY AND FOR THE SEWER UTILITY OF THE BOROUGH, APPROPRIATING THEREFOR THE SUM OF \$100,000 AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM THE SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND.

A Motion to Introduce Capital Ordinance #2018-9- and Read by Title Only was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Albensi.

Roll Call: 4 Yes

A Motion to Pass Capital Ordinance #2018-9 on First Reading was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Albensi.

Roll Call: 4 Yes

6. Capital Ordinance 2018-10 - CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE REFURBISHMENT OF WELL NO. 5 IN, BY AND FOR THE WATER UTILITY OF THE BOROUGH, APPROPRIATING THEREFOR THE SUM OF \$40,000 AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM THE WATER UTILITY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND.

A Motion to Introduce Capital Ordinance #2018-10- and Read by Title Only was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Albensi.

Roll Call: 4 Yes

A Motion to Pass Capital Ordinance #2018-10 on First Reading was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Albensi.

Roll Call: 4 Yes

INTRODUCTION OF THE 2018 BUDGET

Resolution #2018-48 – Introduction of the 2018 Municipal Budget

A motion to approve this resolution was made by was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Albensi.

Roll Call: 4 Yes

Resolution #2018-49 – Resolution for Self – Examination of the 2018 Budget

A motion to approve this resolution was made by was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Albensi.

Roll Call: 4 Yes

REPORTS

A Motion to Incorporate All Reports into the Minutes was made by was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Albensi.

Roll Call: 4 Yes

BILLS

A Motion to Pay All Bills When Funds are Available was made by was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Albensi.

Roll Call: 4 Yes

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

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

Roll Call: 4 Yes

CLOSED SESSION

There was no closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Albensi at 8:49PM.

Roll Call: 4 Yes

Respectfully Submitted,



Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk