

BOROUGH OF NETCONG

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD MAY 10, 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, Councilman Still, Councilman Sylvester and Mayor Nametko. Also present were Mr. Blakeslee, Borough Administrator and Mrs. Eckert, Borough Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Agenda Meeting – April 5, 2018

A motion was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Hathaway to approve the minutes.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

ORDINANCE ADOPTION

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

A Motion to Read Ordinance 2018-5 by Title Only on Second Reading and a Hearing Held Thereon was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

The Mayor opened the meeting to the public. Seeing no one stepping forward, a motion to close the public hearing was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-5 was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF THE 2018 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Valerie Dolan, Borough Auditor stepped forward to provide a brief description of the budget. All state requirements were met.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2018 BUDGET

A Motion to Close the Public Hearing was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

Resolution 2018- 51 - To Read the 2018 Budget by Title Only.

A motion was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

Resolution 2018--52- To Adopt the 2018 Budget.

A motion to adopt the budget was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SID BUDGET

A motion to close the public hearing was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Albensi.
Roll Call: 5 Yes No: Councilman Laureys

Resolution #2018- 50- Authorizing the Adoption of the 2018 Budget of the Netcong Community Partnership Special Improvement District.

A motion was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Still to approve the resolution.
Roll Call: 5 Yes No: Councilman Laureys

PUBLIC HEARING FOR CABLEVISION OF MORRIS FOR RENEWAL OF MUNICIPAL CONSENT TO OPERATE A CABLE TELEVISION SYSTEM IN THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG

The Council had a brief discussion on this. The Borough Attorney explained what this hearing was for and the next step in the process. This hearing is to voice concerns with the current service. Councilman Sylvester gave his opinion on this service and the necessity of it. Councilman Hathaway mentioned these concerns had been memorialized at a previous meeting. A representative from the cable company was in attendance. Her name is Marilyn Davis. She is the area director for government affairs. She explained this contract had gone off their radar. She explained Councilman Sylvester's concern. There was discussion about the lack of service for our emergency services. The Mayor commented there is no response from her organization to settle this matter.

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

ORDINANCE ADOPTIONS

- 1. 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 Read Ordinance 2018-6 by Title Only on Second Reading and a Hearing Held Thereon Was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

A Motion to close the public hearing was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Still.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

A motion to adopt the Ordinance 2018-6 was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Still.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

- 2. 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 Read Bond Ordinance 2018-7 by Title Only on Second Reading and a Hearing Held Thereon was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

A motion to adopt Bond Ordinance 2018-7 was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

- 3. 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 Read Bond Ordinance 2018-8 by Title Only on Second Reading and a Hearing Held Thereon was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

A motion to adopt Bond Ordinance 2018-8 was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

- 4. 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 Read Capital Ordinance 2018-9 by Title Only on Second Reading and a Hearing Held Thereon was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Still.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

A motion to adopt Capital Ordinance 2018-9 was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Still.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

- 5. 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 Read Capital Ordinance 2018-10 by Title Only on Second Reading and a Hearing Held Thereon was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Still.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

A motion to adopt Capital Ordinance 2018-10 was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Still.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Netcong Police Department – Netcong Fire Department Food Truck Event

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

1. Crown Point Update –Councilman Hathaway will update during Economic Development
2. Pocketbook Factory Project has possible developer to purchase
3. He will be updating our personnel policy as required every 2 years for the JIF
4. Reporting new personnel settling in very nicely and doing well.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance & Insurance: E. Still J. Sylvester

Councilman Still thanked everyone for their hard work and passage of budget.

In the month of April 2018, the Borough had a total income in the amount of \$1,188,980.57 as compared to April 2017 of \$537,147.71.

For the month of April 2018:

Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated (MRNA):

In 2018 the Borough received \$1,032.50 compared to \$936.50 in 2017

Other Licenses/Borough Clerks Fees:

In 2018 the Borough received \$11,106.40 compared to \$8,486.15 in 2017.

State Aid:

We didn't receive any state aid in April 2018 or April 2017.

Grants in Aid:

There was \$37,500.00 received during April 2018 compared to April 2017 where there was \$17,694.31 received.

Taxes Collected:

The Borough collected \$1,139,341.67 in 2018 compared to \$510,030.75 in 2017
Two of the larger banks remitted 2nd quarter taxes before the end of April this year as compared to May 2017.

Income Total Year to Date:

The Total Income Year to date for 2018 is \$3,394,142.17 as opposed to \$2,742,538.96 in 2017.

Economic Development: R. Hathaway E. Still

Councilman Hathaway reported the following:

1. Crown Point has DEP permits approved. Largest hurdle to this project is past. There are a few small issues that still need to be addressed.
2. There is a developer interested in the Pocketbook Factory.
3. No news on Shop Rite other than the Redevelopment Plan will be going to the Planning Board this May for review. The Mayor asked the Borough Attorney if the Council can ask for financials for the developer that would be taking over the project. Mr. Bucco said it is our right to ask for it. The Mayor would like to be sure they have enough money to actually do this project. Councilman Hathaway said there would be a PILOT program for this project and the financials should be seen at that time. Mr. Bucco gave details of the possible options that could be taken in this situation. Mr. Blakeslee said he would follow up with the developer.

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

Councilman Sylvester read the reports and provided some details on traffic control.

Fire Department:

Total Calls: 13

General Alarms: 6

Mutual Aid: 8

Total Members: 27

Time Volunteered: 126 hours, 9 minutes

Drills: 8

Total Members 36

Time Volunteered: 233 hours, 9 minutes

Administrative Details: 3

Total Members: 36

Time Volunteered: 84 hours 40 minutes

TOTAL Members: 36

Total time volunteered: 443 hours, 18 minutes

Dept. of Public

Works & Utilities:

E. Koster

R. Hathaway

Councilman Koster read the DPW and water operator reports. Councilman Koster questioned the loss of water in the reservoir. Mike Canfield described it as an anomaly.

D.P.W. Monthly Report May 2018

Road Department: Repaired fallen crosswalk sign on College Rd Repaired a broken sign on Upper Flanders Rd at Rt 46 Picked up 116 cy of leaves and 116 cy of brush .

Water Department: Performed spring hydrant flushing Picked up and returned message boards from the County for hydrant flushing notification Wires Electric came in to repair a bad fuse at Well House 2

Sewer Department: Cleared a sewer clog at Fulton Bank

Buildings & Grounds: Cut back the ornamental grass across from Shop Rite CARE Environmental closed the ticket on the tank removal at the DPW garage Prepped all summer equipment and the landscape trailer for the 2018 season Repaired a broken fence post at DiRenzo ParkInstalled the Welcome to Netcong banners on Main St, Maple Ave, and Ledgewood Ave

Recreation: Opened the Parks for the 2018 season

Snow: Plow and salt on April 2nd ...• Worked on end of the season plow maintenance and storage

Other: Assisted in the launching of the weed harvester in to Lake Musconetcong

Recreation:

J. Albensi

T. Laureys

Councilman Albensi reported on:

- Municipal Alliance programs that have or will be taking place.
- Bullying Program
- Girls on the Run
- Movie in the Park this summer
- 61 volunteer hours for this month 99 hours for year

Recreation:

Nice day for town wide garage sale. There were 18 families participating.

Tai Chi is going well. There are around 15 people participating.

Paint and Sip in June need to sell 11 more tickets.

Concerts in the Park are just about scheduled which will start in June.

Book of Mormon sold out.

Hours: 25 hours this month 95 hours for year

The written report from the Committee is as follows:

1. Garage Sale was last weekend ... nice sunny day! There were 18 participants.
2. Tai Chi - we are averaging 10 to 15 participants per class, nice increase from last year.
3. There is still time to sign up for our Paint & Sip being held on Friday June 1st at the Hilltop Fire House. What a way to enjoy an evening of fun and at the same time donate to our local food banks. Please let us know asap if you can make it!!!
4. Kid's Day event is still a work in progress. Flyers will be going out within the next week. This event will take place on Saturday, June 9th from 12-4 at Di Renzo Park.
5. Concerts In The Park- we are almost done with scheduling our bands. First concert will be Friday, June 29th 7-9 pm with rain date on Sunday July 1st. On the 4th of July we will have our annual 2 band event beginning at 4pm.
6. Book of Mormon monies are due by July 1st.

Public Services:
(Human Services
Recycling & Solid
Waste Disposal

T. Laureys

J. Albensi

Mr. Laurey's read the Dial a Ride report.

April 2018

Days of Service: 21

Miles: 929

of Stops: 67

Nutrition for 3 people: 18

Food Shopping: 34

of Meals on Wheels: 12

Medical appointments: 11

Other Appointments: 66

People Using Services: 39

Cancels: 17

Denials: 0

Units: 258

Hours: 114.25

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was presented.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Appointment of Austin R. Popelka as a Junior Firefighter for Company No. 2

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

2. Appointment of Bryan Falato as Fire Fighter for Company No.2

A motion was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Still.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

3. Appointment of Paul Riboldi as Fire Fighter for Company No.2

A motion was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Still.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL

No Comments were made at this time.

MAYORS COMMENTS

The Mayor commented on SHPO.

RESOLUTIONS

1. **Resolution 2018-53-** Authorizing the Tax Collector to Prepare and Mail Estimated Tax Bills
2. **Resolution 2018- 54-** 2018 Salary Resolution
3. **Resolution 2018- 55-** To Redeem Tax Sale Certificate 17-00008 – Rewoldt – 18 Cross Street
4. **Resolution 2018-56-** To Appoint Anthony Colabella Temporary Part Time Laborer for Department of Public Works
5. **Resolution 2018-57-** Authorizing the Award of a Contract to Tomco Construction, Inc. for the Reservoir Demolition Project in the Borough of Netcong

A motion was made to approve the 5 resolutions noted above by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS

No ordinances were introduced.

REPORTS

A Motion to Incorporate All Reports into the Minutes was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

BILLS

A Motion to Pay All Bills When Funds are Available was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

A Motion to Close the Meeting to the Public was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.
Roll Call: 6 Yes


CLOSED SESSION

There was no closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway at 8:21 PM.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

Respectfully submitted,



Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk