

BOROUGH OF NETCONG

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD JUNE 7, 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

- Agenda Meeting – May 3, 2018
- Regular Meeting – May 10, 2018

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

ANNUAL AUDIT

The audit was carried to the June 14th meeting.

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PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

Ms. Jackie Espinoza from Jersey Central Power and Light: She stated she was here to introduce herself as she has replaced Mike O'Bremski who is enjoying his retirement. She was also here to present the Mayor and Council with a \$500.00 donation from JCP&L for the 5K race.

She asked if the Mayor and Council had any questions for her. She did mention that the emerald ash borer will be destroying the ash trees. She suggested the town should remove any ash trees on borough property to avoid them falling and damaging power lines. The Mayor and Council thanked her for her time.

Mr. Bob Olivo of 5 Britton St.: On March 21st, 2018 he had a mishap in his driveway. The town plow appeared to have backed up into one of his cars. He is asking for some sort of reimbursement. The Mayor said he saw the statement of the driver who felt he did not hit the vehicle. Mr. Olivo stated he followed proper procedure. He does not have proof via video, etc. He realized that it was an accident but felt he should be reimbursed. He was requesting the Borough reimburse him for his deductible. Mr. Blakeslee explained the process the Borough needs to follow. There was lengthy discussion on this matter. Mr. Olivo explained he now has to pay a surcharge for 3 years. All he is requesting from Netcong is for the Borough to pay a deductible. The Mayor stated a police report should have been completed. There was further discussion on the particulars of this situation. It was decided Mr. Blakeslee will contact our insurance company on this matter and should have an answer by next Monday. Councilman Sylvester suggested if this goes any further we should contact our Borough Attorney.

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

ORDINANCE ADOPTIONS

No ordinance adoptions were presented.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Netcong Elementary School – Color Run

A motion was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Albensi to approve the request.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

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NEW BUSINESS

1. Liquor License Petition to Extend Licensed Premises – A'Nets Pub

A motion to approve the extension was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 4 Yes Abstain: Councilmen Albensi and Sylvester

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL

The President had nothing to report at this time.

Councilman Hathaway has been working with several professionals to develop walking trail plans by the lake. Councilman Hathaway explained the particulars of the plans and possible grants. He was thinking we have a unique situation with having a train station and the Braille Trail and handicap kayak ramp which opens us up to a possible grant from the county. They will be proposing a trail from the train station to the Braille Trail and handicapped access kayak ramp. It would require additional sidewalks. Councilman Hathaway suggested that the Council would need to write a letter of intent which is due at the end of this month. He felt it is a strong opportunity to bring other people into town. Councilman Hathaway said the State is willing to allow this project. We would be responsible for the letter of intent and the expense of the study and planning. There is discussion among the Council on the particulars. The Mayor said he sits on the open space committee and not many municipalities are applying for these grants. There was discussion on the grant money available for this project. Councilman Sylvester suggested he had no problem with moving forward. Councilman Still said we do not have the money in our budget to pay Mr. Guerin, Borough engineer. Councilman Hathaway would like to engage the engineer for his opinion. The letter of intent will be to apply for money for next year.

Councilman Koster provided an update on the water infrastructure program and the upcoming project areas. This covers the next 2 weeks. The Mayor stated going forward every time we do a water main repair the boil water rule will be in effect. The water will be tested on a weekly basis.

MAYORS COMMENTS

The Mayor had no comments at this time.

RESOLUTIONS –Voted as a block

1. **Resolution #2018- 58-** Authorizing the Purchase of a 2018 John Deere 310SL Backhoe Loader from Jesco, Inc. Under the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Contract #MRESC 15/16-08

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

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Roll Call: 6 Yes

2. **Resolution 2018-59-** Authorizing an Agreement with Associated Appraisal Group to Provide Consulting Property Appraisal Services.

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

3. **Resolution 2018-60-** Authorizing the Abatement of Property Maintenance Ordinance Violations by the Borough.

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes No: Councilman Laureys

4. **Resolution 2018-61-** Approval of Liquor Licenses for 2018-2019

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes Abstain: Councilman Sylvester

5. **Resolution 2018-62-** Approval of 2018-2019 Liquor License for A'Nets Pub

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes Abstain: Councilman Sylvester

6. **Resolution 2018-63-** Approval of 2018-2019 Liquor License for Quick Chek

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes Abstain: Councilman Sylvester

7. **Resolution 2018-64-** Establishing a New Petty Cash Fund

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS

1. **Ordinance 2018-11** -To Amend Chapter 54, Police Department, Article IV, Fees, Section 54-16, Fees, Paragraph F, Contracted Police Services, Subparagraph (3) of the code of the Borough of Netcong, Morris County, New Jersey.

Carried to the June 14th meeting.

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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

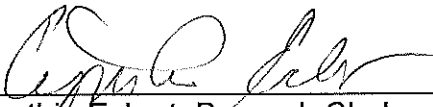
CLOSED SESSION

There was no closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway at 8:02pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk