

BOROUGH OF NETCONG

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD AUGUST 9, 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 Albeni, Councilman Hathaway, Councilman Koster, Councilman Laureys (arrived 7:32 pm), 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.

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

Mrs. Sophia Sakelakos – 33 Center St. – She just wanted to say she is getting used to some things in the area and wants to know why our zoning is a 4-foot fence instead of a 6-foot fence in a back yard. She said she feels this is not the norm in this area. She has two dogs that can jump a 4-foot fence and would like a place where they can run. She is upset that she has to apply and pay for a variance. The Mayor explained the reasoning for this zoning goes back very far and explains the 6-foot fence may be offensive to her neighbors and this variance application gives the neighbors a chance to come and give their opinion. She understands this is a case by case basis but she just wanted to give her opinion. Councilman Laureys gave his comments on this subject. The Mayor gave

explanation again as to why this is set up the way it is. Councilman Hathaway went on to explain some neighbors may be concerned about losing their view of the lake, or other views in this area. He went on to explain this is in place for a good reason and the Planning Board is very reasonable on granting these variances. She thanked the Council for their time

A motion to close the Meeting to the Public was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

ORDINANCE ADOPTIONS

There were no ordinance adoptions at this meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence presented at this meeting.

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

It was noted that the Council reviewed the report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance & Insurance: E. Still J. Sylvester

Councilman Still asked to make this part of the record:

For the month of July 2018, the Borough had a total income in the amount of \$701,584.71 as compared to July 2017 of \$590,420.16.

For the month of July 2018:

Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated (MRNA):

In 2018 the Borough received \$2,800.32 compared to \$3,042.60 in 2017

Other Licenses/Borough Clerks Fees:

In 2018 the Borough received \$17,166.78 compared to \$10,390.94 in 2017.

State Aid:

We didn't receive any state aid in July 2018 however in July 2017 we received \$9,477.00.

Grants in Aid:

There were no grants in aid received during July 2018 compared to July 2017 where there was \$2,037.60 received.

Taxes Collected:

The Borough collected \$683,617.61 in 2018 compared to \$565,472.02 in 2017.

Income Total Year to Date:

The Total Income Year to date for 2018 is \$5,190,042.11 as opposed to \$4,840,759.74 in 2017.

Economic Development: R. Hathaway E. Still

Pocketbook Factory has a motivated buyer and is asking for cooperation regarding an amended developer's agreement. Mr. Guerin, Borough Engineer feels this will not be a problem.

Crown Point: There will be a meeting at the end of this month. There is also an MOU resolution on the agenda tonight.

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

Councilman Sylvester filed his reports except for one item. They did meet with the Ambulance Squad to see if the need existed for the refurbishment of the ambulance and it does. Mr. Bucco noted and mentioned a few small issues with this agreement and detailed what they were.

Police

Total Calls: 413

Fire Department

Total Calls: 8

General Alarms: 7

Mutual Aid: 1

Total Members: 29

Time Volunteered: 88 hours, 55 minutes

Drills: 5

Total Members: 30

Time Volunteered: 132 hours, 20 minutes

Administrative Details: 6

Total Members: 35

Time Volunteered: 114 hours, 19 minutes

Total Time Volunteered: 334 hours, 54 minutes

Ambulance Corps

Total Calls: 54

Out of town calls: 1

Total Patients: 33

Total Hospital Trips: 27
Miles Travelled: 711
Hours Volunteered: 140 hrs., 3 minutes

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

D.P.W. Monthly Report August 2018

Road Department: Picked up 48 CY of grass.... Picked up 28 cy of brush Trim branches on top of North St near traffic signs and Cross St at Center St. ... Started painting traffic lines in the school area.... Repaired damaged curb on Prospect St.. ..

Water Department: Repair broken water boxes on Allen Terrace, Koclas Dr and RR Ave.... Supported water project contractor with mark outs, water valve shut down, notification letters, and hydrant flushing.... Repaired broken service line to 3 North St. ... Installed 3 new water taps on Upper RR Ave...

Sewer Department: Cleared sewer clog to 140 Main St....

Buildings & Grounds: Cleared backed up storm drain at the Park and Ride.... Well house I received a new roof and roof hatch for the well pump...

Parks & Recreation: Cut grass at all Borough Properties and Netcong School....

Snow: Bid requests were sent out for plowing contractors....

Other: Moved equipment from the County for St. Cesario Feast. .. Worked on repairs to police vehicles.... DPW employees and the summer employee watched 5 safety videos.... Water project completed all valve and hydrant installs and will be working on new water main installs on Rt 46 and Old Ledgewood Rd

Councilman Koster said the hydrant project is now done and DPW has been very busy with the water project. Mr. Canfield explained in detail current and future status. Mr. Blakeslee explained we will be adding a few Mt. Olive residents to our system. The Mayor wanted to know if we will have a process in place to insure collection of water/sewer revenues from these properties.

Recreation: J Albensi T. Laureys

Councilman Albensi read his report. Rec had 108 volunteer hours.

Recreation Update 08/09/2018

1. Tai Chi continues to be a growing success. We are now up to 20 in attendance!!
2. Our Concerts in the Park continue to be a big hit. Believe it or not we only have 3 more.

3. On July 20th we hosted our annual "Christmas Cookies in July". We had 8 participants, our largest to date. Special thanks go out to Perona Farms, Ron's Landmark, and Don Jose for providing generous prizes.

4. Our Massage under the Stars event took place on Sunday July 29th due to a Friday night rain out. Regardless, approximately 25 folks enjoyed a nice relaxing massage while enjoying some great music.

5. We still have seats available for our Feast of San Genaro bus trip on Saturday September 15th. The cost per person will be \$25. Bus will leave Netcong Train Station at 10:30 am, returning at approximately 5pm. Flyer has gone out and we have half the bus filled. Please reach out to Sharon ASAP if interested in going. We will leave NYC at 4pm.

6. The annual 5K race will be held on Sunday September 9th. We will be filling goody bags for all runners on Wednesday, September 5th.

Municipal Alliance – Councilman Albensi provided details about the boot camp program and how successful it has been and some issues with it. There will be some added expenses if they continue to run it through the rest of the year. There was brief discussion among the Council on this subject. Alliance volunteered 46 hours

Public Services:
(Human Services
Recycling & Solid
Waste Disposal

T. Laureys

J. Albensi

Dial a Ride for July

Days of Service: 20

Miles:970

of Stops: 62

Nutrition for 3 people: 23

Food Shopping: 58

of Meals on Wheels: 11

Medical Appointments: 10

Other Appointments: 71

People Using Services: 41

Cancel: 15

Denials: 0

Units: 314

Hours: 112.5

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was brought forward.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL

Councilman Still stated that everyone is doing a great job.

Councilman Hathaway- a week from Friday will be the Firemen's Challenge August 19th at 12 noon. The recreation team will provide ice cream. There will be 4 fire companies participating.

The hydro raking has secured a 5-year permit to rake the Lake thanks to Senator and Assemblyman Bucco.

Councilman Koster – with the hydrant project we had to pick certain connectors. He wants to know if a decision was made on the type of connectors that will be installed. Mr. Blakeslee will check. He wanted to know about the flags for the hydrants. Mr. Canfield, DPW Superintendent, asked several questions about how long he has to put them in. Councilman Koster wanted to know if this was part of the infrastructure project. They had a brief discussion on that. Councilman Koster said this was discussed with the Borough Engineer.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

There is a resident who is looking to buy his father's houses and some property from Netcong Heights and build 15 new houses and a greenway. The Mayor would like to have the Council's opinion on this before they meet with him. Mr. Blakeslee said they have asked for a professional design. Councilman Hathaway said he is looking for the Borough to help him obtain a grant for the greenway. He is concerned about this concept. Mr. Bucco explained about how the state works with land preservation. There is discussion among the Council on this. The Mayor wanted to be sure the Council was aware of this before they heard about it from someone else. Mr. Bucco said sometimes they do this and then donate some of the property to the Borough.

RESOLUTIONS

- 1. Resolution 2018-85** –Authorizing the Execution of a Shared Services Agreement Between the Borough of Netcong and The Netcong Board of Education for Snow Plowing and Janitorial Services

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

- 2. Resolution 2018-86-** Authorizing the Execution of a Memorandum of Understanding between the New Jersey Transit Corporation and the Borough of Netcong for the Transit Oriented Development at the Netcong Train Station.

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes - 1 No

3. **Resolution 2018-87**-Authorizing the Execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Stanhope and the Stanhope-Netcong American Legion Ambulance Squad for Partial Funding of the Costs Associated with the Refurbishment of an Ambulance Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1, Et. Seq.

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS

No ordinances were introduced at this meeting.

REPORTS

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

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 as no one from the public stepped forward.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

CLOSED SESSION


There was no Closed Session at this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway at 8:05PM.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

Respectfully Submitted,


Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk