

BOROUGH OF NETCONG

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD JANUARY 10, 2019 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

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 4, 2019.
2. Publishing a notice in the Daily Record, the official newspaper of the Borough of Netcong on January 9, 2019 and mailing a copy to The Star Ledger on January 4, 2019.

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 – December 6, 2018
- Regular Meeting – December 13, 2018

A Motion to Approve the Above Listed Minutes was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Sylvester,
Roll Call: 6 Yes

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

Mr. Heyman, attorney for Polo's Bar and Grill requested an amendment to the parking ordinance and add 4 permitted commercial spaces for employees. He presented pictures of the area they wish to change. He said they are still negotiating with Mr. Stroud for parking rights in his lot. Councilman Hathaway requested more detail regarding the amendment. The Mayor said this made sense to him. The area presented is not in front of any residences. Councilman Hathaway said the only problem is Family Ford would need to be included in this change. Mr. Bucco said it is very unusual to provide on-street parking to commercial properties. The Council discussed possible

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problems that could occur if this request was granted. Mr. Bucco said he will have to take a closer look at the area to determine if this is a possibility. Discussion continued among the Council and Mr. Heyman outlining possible solutions. Mr. Blakeslee gave his comments on this situation explaining the discussions that had taken place with the Police Chief and DPW Superintendent. Both parties suggested making designated parking spaces for the public that are marked clearly is key; as well as residential parking that is not available to the public. A long discussion on the particulars of this subject continued. Mr. Bucco explained the changes that we need to make to the ordinance. Mr. Heyman thanked the Council for their time.

Ms. Kerri Santalucia, 11 Dell Ave. representing the Netcong Board of Education, noted that the BOE has been in negotiations with Byram and Stanhope about regionalizing the elementary school. Councilman Sylvester said there are plans out there that were completed many years ago to regionalize the 3 elementary schools. Mrs. Santalucia will pass that on to the Board. 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 Albensi.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

ORDINANCE ADOPTIONS

There were no ordinance adoptions presented.

CORRESPONDENCE

No Correspondence was submitted.

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Blakeslee provided a verbal report. He noted that the last several weeks have been very busy.

Mr. Blakeslee attended a budget meeting with the Fire Dept. There will be a meeting with police dept. next week. A DPW budget meeting will also be next week. Mr. Blakeslee provided a few details from the JIF including information on cyber insurance that will be new requirements. He explained how some municipalities have been hit with ransomware and the ramifications of this type of attack. Councilman Hathaway had questions about the benefits of cyber insurance software and how it works. There was discussion among the Council on how we are protected. Mr. Blakeslee provided some detail about our protection and coverage. Councilman Laureys asked what type of backups or losses we had. Mr. Blakeslee explained the different levels of ways Netcong is protected currently. The Mayor explained he sends emails with cyber security information to the Borough Clerk each week to forward to all the employees to be sure they are keeping abreast of this subject. The malware is getting very sophisticated. The Council noted other communities that were affected with ransomware.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance & Insurance: E. Still J. Sylvester

Councilman Still read his report.

For the month of December 2018 the Borough had a total income in the amount of \$62,631.19 as compared to December 2017 of \$143,172.67.

For the month of December 2018:

Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated (MRNA):

In 2018 the Borough received \$3,903.00 compared to \$4,200.50 in 2017.

Other Licenses/Borough Clerks Fees:

The Borough received \$14,353.36 compared to \$5,379.13 in 2017.

State Aid:

We received \$19,595.30 in state aid in December 2018 and in December 2017 we received \$4,504.53.

Grants in Aid:

The Borough received grants in the amount of \$10,580.89 for December 2018 compared to none in December 2017.

Taxes Collected:

The Borough collected \$62,631.19 in 2018 compared to \$143,172.67 in 2017.

Income Total Year to Date:

The Total Income Year to date for 2018 is \$9,730,737.34 as opposed to \$9,366,214.33 in 2017.

Economic Development: R. Hathaway E. Still

Councilman Hathaway said most of his report was completed at the last meeting. Crown Point will be moving forward and will provide the Council a schedule. They plan on doing demolition during the winter months with ground breaking in spring. There has not been a closing yet.

Councilman Hathaway met Mr. Markowitz from Crown Walk. He agreed to meet with Councilman Hathaway to move forward with that project. It is Mr. Blakeslee's understanding the drainage issues have been resolved.

Mr. Maisano contacted the Borough today. He gave details on this possible project. There is no new news with Shop Rite right now. Mr. Hathaway gave brief details on this project. The Council discussed this topic along with issues regarding water and sewer allocation. It was made clear there is no project that will be satisfying to the committee without the purchase of the Rosequist property.

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Public Safety:
(Police, Fire, Rescue)

J. Sylvester

E. Koster

Councilman Sylvester read his reports. He explained they met with the Fire Inspection Dept. for the first time. It was suggested to the Borough to start collecting fees for services as the pro bono inspector will not be available this year.

The Fire Department made some capital requests. A FEMA grant has been submitted. The Mayor has already contacted the new legislator, Mr. Malinowski, about this. The Mayor gave details on his discussion with Mr. Malinowski's representatives. Mr. Albensi had several questions on the RIC unit. Councilman Koster answered his questions. Councilman Hathaway made several comments on this grant and how our Borough services a large area and could benefit from it. Councilman Hathaway has connections with Corey Booker's office and will see what he can do there. Mr. Bucco will also send letters in support of the Borough. Discussion continued.

Fire Department:

Total Calls: 12

Total Members: 33

Drills: 6

Administrative details: 5

Total Members: 33

Total Hours for 2018: 4,940 hours, 34 minutes

(October and November reports were also provided)

Ambulance Corps:

Calls Answered: 61

Out of town calls: 5

Total Calls: 66

Total Patients: 48

Total Hospital Trips: 39

2 assists: Stanhope Fire department (lifts)

Police Department:

Total Calls: 354

Total Calls for the year: 4,756

Motor Vehicle Violations: approximately 6/month

Dept. of Public

Works & Utilities:

E. Koster

R. Hathaway

D.P.W. Monthly Report January 2019

Road Department: Install new storm drain pipe on Dell Ave. at Water St. and poured new walls.... Replaced a broken stop sign on Prospect St. at Carmine Dr.... Started

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installing directional Isolatek signs around town.... Started vacuuming and cleaning of storm drains ... Picked up 2 loads of leaves for final leaf season pick up.....

Water Department: Replaced a broken water main valve at the intersection of Rte. 46 and Upper Flanders Dr.... Performed monthly water reports and sampling....

Buildings & Grounds: Worked on fire inspection recommendations from the Borough Fire Official. ... Put Main St. benches into winter storage.... R&J performed quarterly service of Borough generators ... Performed an end of season clean up at the Recycle Center....

Other: Brought message boards and light towers back to the county from the Holiday Parade.... Repaired an alternator on truck 575 and performed vehicle maintenance of DPW trucks and started maintenance on Police vehicles.... Ordered Permit Parking signs for Chestnut and McMullen St...

Water report: Pumped 4,625,900 gallons less

Recreation: *J. Albensi* *T. Laureys*

1. Pretty Woman is booked for 3/2/2019. Unfortunately, we are sold out with a waiting list.
2. The Use of Field guidelines has been approved with a few minor revisions. Rec will approve these guidelines at January meeting.
3. We will begin working on this year's 2019 Recreation Restaurant Showcase which will be held on Saturday June 1st. Once time has been firmed up with Steve Fredericks, we will begin making flyers and reaching out to our town merchants. We already have a commitment from a few merchants.
4. 2019 Summer Concert Series - we are off to a great start with booking bands for this year's concert series. We have a few bands already committed to playing this year which include - The Kootz, Symphonies, Jersey Sound, and a new addition, The Dowden Brothers. (We will know which of Brian Yelinko's bands will be performing tomorrow).
5. At our January re-org meeting we will be reviewing events for this year.

Councilman Albensi also mentioned that the Field Use Requisition is done. It will go up on the website soon. Mr. Morton would like to meet with Mr. Blakeslee to gain access to the website to upload some information.

Concerts in the Park will have contracts and PO's will be ordered. The Mayor said he has a sample contract he can provide He gave highlights of upcoming events and steps being planning for them.

Total 2019 volunteer hours- 568 hours and 45 minutes.

Municipal Alliance – at this time we have had 1 volunteer offer her time – there is discussion among the Council and Administrator on some possible solutions to

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fill the coordinator position. The Mayor suggested we offer Jen Meehan the stipend to be the coordinator. Councilman Still suggested Ben Dellamo used to be involved, maybe he would be willing to do something.

Public Services: T. Laureys J. Albensi
(Human Services
Recycling & Solid
Waste Disposal

Councilman Laureys read his report for Dial a Ride, December 2018

Days of Service: 19
Miles: 754
of Stops: 58
Nutrition for 3 People: 15
Food Shopping: 47
of Meals on Wheels: 13
Medical Appointments: 13
Other Appointments: 123
People Using Services: 48
Cancels: 12
Denials: 0
Units: 299
Hours: 85.75

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was presented.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Appointment of Kailey Elizabeth Lynn Slahor as a Junior Firefighter.

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL

Council President - found out the new fire truck purchased is on the Supthen website under new purchases. There will be training on the truck next week. The Council is invited to observe the training.

Councilman Still thanked everyone on the Council for all that was accomplished while he was Council President.

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Councilman Hathaway brought up the hydro rake we have for the lake that we cannot use. He said we need a place to dispose of the material that would be dredged from the lake in order to be able to use. He made suggestions on the possible locations we have in town for the materials to be placed. There was brief discussion among the Council on this subject. He will let the lake board know that this was discussed at this Council meeting. The Mayor offered some options.

Councilman Sylvester asked if we could use road millings to put at the Indian's Field. Mr. Canfield said he has heard concrete waste is cheaper and more effective.

Councilman Hathaway said he is having a problem with not charging the residents for the administrative costs of the parking at McMullen St. Councilman Albeni said this has also opened up a can of worms. He has heard from Church St. residents that they want resident parking there. Councilman Hathaway asked if they have other places to park beside the road. Councilman Sylvester said it was decided by the Council to take these situations case by case. Discussion continued for several minutes.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Why is the state park in Netcong closed? Councilman Hathaway responded: 'it is parking lot remediation. It is now reopened now.

RESOLUTIONS

1. **Resolution 2019-22** - Authorizing the Sale of Municipal Surplus Property

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes Abstain: Councilman Koster

2. **Resolution 2019-23** – Appointing James Arbolino as Deputy Code Enforcement/Rental Inspector

A motion was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Sylvester for this resolution.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

3. **Resolution 2019-24** - Acknowledging January 2019 as School Board Recognition Month in New Jersey.

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

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ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS

- 1. Ordinance 2019-1-** An ordinance authorizing the Chief of Police to execute an application for a charitable solicitation permit for Netcong Volunteer Fire Company No. 1's "coin drop" on Memorial Day weekend at the intersections of Allen Street and Ledgewood Avenue and Main Street and Route 46 and Route 183 in the Borough of Netcong, County of Morris, State of New Jersey.

A Motion to Introduce Ordinance #2019-1 and Read by Title Only was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 5 Yes Abstain: Councilman Koster

A Motion to Pass Ordinance #2019-1 on First Reading was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 5 Yes Abstain: Councilman Koster

- 2. Ordinance 2019-2-** An Ordinance Repealing Chapter 209, Milk Vender, of the Code of the Borough of Netcong, Morris County, New Jersey.

A Motion to Introduce Ordinance #2019-2 and Read by Title Only was made by councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

A Motion to Pass Ordinance #2019-2 on First Reading was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

- 3. Ordinance 2019-3-** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 217 of the Code of the Borough of Netcong, Morris County, New Jersey, and Revising Certain Requirements for the Issuance of Park Permits.

A Motion to Introduce Ordinance #2019-3 and Read by Title Only was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

A Motion to Pass Ordinance #2019-3 on First Reading was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

REPORTS

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

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BILLS

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

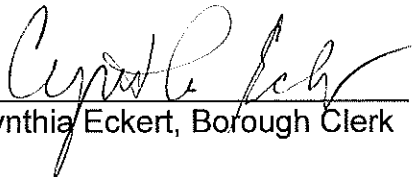
CLOSED SESSION

There was no closed session this evening.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway at 8:54 PM. The motion was moved by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk