

## ***BOROUGH OF NETCONG***

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD FEBRUARY 14, 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**

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 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 Ralph Blakeslee, Borough Administrator and Mrs. Eckert, Borough Clerk.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

No minutes were presented at this meeting.

### **PRESENTATION** – NEF Summer Camp

**Representatives from NEF Patricia Zalicki and Jennifer Kerr** were in attendance at this meeting to provide details on their summer camp program. They would like to revive the Lenape camp that used to be run by Byram Township and hold it in Netcong. They would like to use the Netcong logo to advertise the camp. Mrs. Kerr continued presenting details regarding the camp.

Mr. Bucco explained the Borough will not be involved in the camp so the Borough logo cannot be utilized because of that. Councilman Hathaway explained the Borough had

endorsed the camp when it was held in Byram. Mr. Bucco provided multiple reasons why the logo should not be used. He said we must be cautious. Mr. Blakeslee added there is a risk management component to this as well and included details. There was discussion among the Council on this matter. Mr. Blakeslee explained how the original program in Byram was run through the recreation department there. This program is not the same. Ms. Kerr asked if it is possible to advertise it as a partnership. Mr. Bucco explained once again this places the Borough at risk. Mr. Blakeslee explained if we take the lead in this program, we take the higher risk. Councilman Hathaway explained this is run under the NEF and is a 501(3) c. Councilman Laureys asked why they need the Borough at all and offered that they could just be the Tri - Town Camp. Mr. Bucco said if the NEF is the lead here there is no need for endorsement from any of the towns. There is no problem with putting the names of the towns on the flyers as long as it is clear the Borough has nothing to do with endorsing the program. There should not be any connection that the Borough has anything to do with the running of this program. Mr. Bucco said we do not want to endorse this. Councilman Hathaway gave greater detail in their reason for making this presentation. Mr. Bucco suggested the Borough can give support but not endorsement of the program. There was further discussion among the Council on this. Mr. Bucco suggested calling it the Tri-Town Camp and putting on the flyer serving the towns Byram, Stanhope and Netcong. It needs to be clear it is run by the NEF and the 3 towns are not directly involved in the operation of the camp. Councilman Albensi explained his experience with the program as the Council Liaison to the Netcong Recreation Commission and the details of the changes in the Byram program. He is in favor of the NEF program and would like to give support. He feels this program is a must since there is no longer a Byram program. The Mayor said there is nothing stopping them from doing this program, it just can't be listed as sponsored by the Borough.

Mrs. Zalicki continued to discuss the program and events that would take place. Mr. Bucco had several questions about the forms which the NEF agreed to change. Councilman Albensi had questions about the cost of the buses for the field trips and possibly using some recreation funds to contribute to the costs. He also provided information about how he and Mrs. Still have been involved with the program. There was further discussion on the benefits to this program for our residents. Councilman Hathaway mentioned they have received grant money from several sources.

### **PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING**

Mrs. Bernadette Dalesandro, 6 Union St., is the Board of Education President. She thanked Councilman Albensi for his comments tonight and stated they were 'spot on'. She explained every volunteer has a background check done before they can participate. She agreed to keep the money in-house. She is excited to have the program at the Netcong School. She thanked the Council for their time.

Mr. Todd Portmore, 16 Dell Ave., requested help from the Council. He explained he is starting a food truck business. He would like to use Fenucci's restaurant as his commissary. He detailed his plans for the business. He is in the process of obtaining

permits. He noted that at this point, Netcong does not have codes to allow this service. He would like to know if Netcong would consider changes to their code to allow food vendors in the town. He read the current Borough ordinance. Mr. Blakeslee also explained our zoning ordinance and the uses that are permitted and those which are not included. The Mayor asked if this would be fair to other businesses. Councilman Still also stated we have these trucks at several events now. Mr. Blakeslee said these events have come to the Council for permission and were granted by the Council. Mr. Blakeslee asked for a copy of the Mt. Olive ordinance. Mr. Bucco said we should find out how some of the other towns have handled these ordinance changes. There was discussion among the Council on this subject and how some changes would be required to bring this up to date. The Mayor spoke of his concerns. Councilman Laureys made several comments on this subject. There was further discussion among the Council. The Council agreed we need to look at this issue. Mr. Portsmore explained some of the rules and stipulations that other towns are requiring. Mr. Bucco said he will put together a report on ordinances from other towns. Mr. Portsmore thanked the Council for their time.

A Motion was made to close the Meeting to the Public by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

### **ORDINANCE ADOPTIONS**

- 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 Read Ordinance 2019-1- by Title Only on Second Reading and a Hearing Held Thereon was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 5 Yes      Abstain: Councilman Koster

Seeing no comments from the public, a Motion to Close Public Hearing was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 5 Yes      Abstain: Councilman Koster

A Motion to Adopt Ordinance #2019-1 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 VENDERS, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG, MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

A Motion to Read Ordinance 2019-2- by Title Only on Second Reading and a Hearing Held Thereon was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

A Motion to Adopt Ordinance #2019-2 was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.

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 Read Ordinance 2019-3- by Title Only on Second Reading and a Hearing Held Thereon was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Albensi.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

Mrs. Dalesandro asked for an explanation of this ordinance. Mayor Nametko provided the requested information. There were no more comments or questions from the public.

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

A Motion to Adopt Ordinance #2019-3 was made by Councilman Albensi and seconded by Councilman Koster.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

**CORRESPONDENCE**

No correspondence was presented at this meeting.

## **BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

Mr. Blakeslee made several comments about his report and thanked the Mayor for allowing Councilman Albensi and Mrs. Still to provide support for their efforts to bring awareness to teen suicide.

Councilman Laureys had a question about the Arbolino Park improvements bid award. He read the costs in the bid. He wanted to know why the costs were so much and provided examples. The Mayor explained that this must be done at the prevailing wage because federal funds are involved. Councilman Laureys made several comments about this issue. There was discussion among the Council on this subject.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Finance & Insurance:**

**E. Still**

**J. Sylvester**

Councilman Still read his report.

For the month of January 2019, the Borough had a total income in the amount of \$744,057.77 as compared to January 2018 of \$1,170,768.57.

### For the month of January 2019:

#### Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated (MRNA):

In 2019 the Borough received \$1,805.09 compared to \$2,263.56 in 2018.

#### Other Licenses/Borough Clerks Fees:

The Borough received \$31,657.36 compared to \$26,095.92 in 2018.

#### State Aid:

We didn't receive anything in state aid in January 2019. This was the same for last year during January 2018.

#### Grants in Aid:

The Borough received a grant in the amount of \$7,128.92 for January 2019 compared to none in January 2018. We also received a very generous donation of \$3,500.00 in January 2019 that was given specifically towards the purchase of new AED machines for the Police Department.

#### Taxes Collected:

The Borough collected \$699,966.40 in 2019 compared to \$1,142,409.09 in 2018.

#### Income Total Year to Date:

The Total Income Year to date for 2019 is \$744,057.77 as opposed to \$1,170,768.57 in 2018.

**Economic Development:**                      **R. Hathaway**                      **E. Still**

Councilman Hathaway provided the following report

The Pocketbook Factory and the ordinance that was introduced tonight have already been discussed.

Crown Point will be having their final closing in April (finances). The Mayor asked why the closing is in April after we did two special meetings for them. Councilman Hathaway explained they need the funding before they can start working.

Regarding the Shop Rite: Everything is complete with the rehab development plan

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

Councilman Sylvester read the reports. He added that training has begun for the new truck and there would be no report for the Ambulance corps. Councilman Sylvester met with them recently.

Fire Department:

Total Calls: 15  
General Alarms: 9  
Mutual Aid: 6  
Drills: 8  
Administrative Details: 3  
Total members: 37  
Total Time volunteered: 547 hours, 18 minutes

Fire Prevention:

Total Field Hours Worked for Inspections: 32  
Total Hours Worked: 43  
Comments: Inspectors Peller and Sylvester Investigation Fire at 70 Main St. and determined origin/cause of the Fire.

Police Report:

Total Calls: 382  
Motor Vehicle summons: 110

One of the Patrolmen is leaving. They are already seeking a replacement. The Mayor asked a question regarding the Police statistics/report.

**Dept. of Public  
Works & Utilities:**

**E. Koster**

**R. Hathaway**

Councilman Koster read the following report.

Road Department:

Picked up and chipped 130 Christmas trees.. Installed new parking restriction signs on Chestnut and McMullen.... Cleaned spray paint vandalism to a new parking restriction sign on Chestnut St. ... Installed a new DPW logo on truck 573 .... Roxbury sweeper in to clean McMullen St after flooding ... Performed vehicle maintenance and repair on DPW vehicles and Police vehicles....

Water Department:

Repaired a water service leak at 69 Allen St .... Repaired a water/sewer break on Ikes lane ... Tomco disconnected the one inch water line behind the properties on Rt. 46 in Budd Lake as part of the new water main install in that area .... Repaired multiple meter freeze ups and breaks....

Buildings & Grounds:

Mobility Elevator was in to perform inspection on the elevator at FH 1.... Removed all Christmas decorations from around town.... Topped off fuel oil in all generators in preparation for possible winter power outages.... Cover and uncover single stream containers at the recycle center before and after all storms....

Snow:

Salted and or plowed on January 5th, 7th, 13th, 14th, 19th, 21st, 29th, and 30th ..... Applied approximately 124 tons of salt to the roads in January ....

Other:

Tommy Mendel incurred a shoulder injury at work and was on light duty for a month and received physical therapy .... Mike Canfield met with Matt Genna for annual JIF safety recommendations .... Mike Canfield, Tom Mendel, and Joe Fiorello attended a Fast Track to Safety class in East Hanover. ...

Water pumped more this month: 192,094 gallons

**Recreation:**

**J. Albensi**

**T. Laureys**

Councilman Albensi provided his report:

1. Pretty Woman is booked for 3/2/2019. Unfortunately we are sold out with a waiting list.
2. The new Use of Field guidelines is up and running.
3. The 2019 Recreation Restaurant Showcase which will be held on Saturday June 1st is in process. The event will run 2 - 4:30. Hoping to have all flyers out by mid March latest.

4. 2019 Summer Concert Series - our summer schedule is now booked! We begin our summer concerts on Friday 6/29 and will run thru Friday August 16th. Our 4th of July (Thursday) entertainment will begin at 6pm with hot dogs/hamburgers at 5pm.
5. We will be working with Alliance to bring additional events to the community.
6. This year we will once again head into NYC for the 2019 Feast of San Genaro event. Trip is scheduled for Saturday September 14th.

Councilman Albensi provided some details on joint events with the Municipal Alliance

**Public Services:  
(Human Services  
Recycling & Solid  
Waste Disposal**

**T. Laureys**

**J. Albensi**

Councilman Laureys read the dial a ride report for January.

Days of Service: 21

Miles: 771

# of stops: 64

Nutrition for 3 people: 11

Food Shopping: 43

# Meals on Wheels: 11

Medical Appointments: 13

Other Appointments: 99

People Using Services 42

Cancel: 21\*

Denials: 0

Units: 333

Hours: 100.5

\*Week of 1-7 – 1-11 bus was unavailable. Used Administrator's car

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business

**NEW BUSINESS**

No new business was presented.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL**

Council President: He had nothing to offer at this time.



Councilman Still: He noticed Dial a Ride Bus bumper is rusting and needs to be replaced. The Mayor asked if we could have a maintenance check for that vehicle. Councilman Albensi asked how many miles are on this vehicle.

Councilman Sylvester: He had a couple of questions. He was reviewing the Master Plan and wanted to know if it was a tool or guideline. The Mayor explained it is a guideline for the Planning Board. Councilman Sylvester said the Master Plan governs the concept of a "small-town feel" within the Borough. He wanted to know if any of the Planning Board members have read the Master Plan. He wanted to be sure that the Planning Board considers the Master Plan when they see these plans presented. Councilman Still feels the attorney is the one who gives that advice. There was lengthy discussion about this matter among the Council. The Mayor explained we do have a re-examination of the master plan coming soon. Councilman Sylvester feels our small-town feel is being lost with the redevelopment projects. There was further discussion among the Council on this issue.

Councilman Hathaway made several comments regarding this issue and agreed with many of Councilman Still's comments. It seems to be ongoing.

Councilman Albensi stated that the public does not come to the public hearing at the meeting to voice their concerns.

Councilman Hathaway: in reference to Mr. Portmore's comments, the Council needs to move on the ordinance change.

### **MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

The Mayor had one comment: Mr. Blakeslee sent an email with a link for a safety class. He would like the Council to take this class.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

**1. Resolution 2019 - 28 - Redeem Tax Sale Certificate 15-00001**

A motion was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Albensi  
Roll Call: 6 Yes

**2. Resolution 2018 - 29 - Redeem Tax Sale Certificate 17-00003**

A motion was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Albensi  
Roll Call: 6 Yes

**3. Resolution 2019 – 30 - Authorizing the Award of a Contract to John Hansen, Pe, Pp, Cme, Leed of Engineering & Land Planning Associates, Inc. For the Purpose of Preparing a Grant Application to Fund the Construction of the Koclas Drive/Arbolino Park New Pedestrian Trail Project in The Borough of Netcong.**

Councilman Laureys asked how much this will cost.

A motion was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Albensi  
Roll call: 5 Yes      No: Councilman Laureys

4. **Resolution 2019 – 31** - Authorizing the Award of a Contract to Picerno-Giordano Construction, LLC for the Arbolino Park Improvements, Phase I in the Borough of Netcong, Morris County, New Jersey

A motion was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Albensi  
Roll Call: 5 Yes      No: Councilman Laureys

### **ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS**

**1. Ordinance 2019-4-** AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG, COUNTY OF MORRIS, ADOPTING AN AMENDED REDEVELOPMENT PLAN PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1, ET SEQ., FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT BLOCK 19, LOT 14 WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG AND MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE “OLD POCKETBOOK FACTORY” AT 2 FLANDERS ROAD.

Mr. Bucco made minor changes will send them to the Clerk tomorrow.

A Motion to Introduce Ordinance #2019-4 and Read by Title Only was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Still.  
Roll Call: 5 Yes      No: Councilman Laureys

A Motion to Pass Ordinance #2019-4 on First Reading was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Still.  
Roll Call: 5 Yes      No: Councilman Laureys

### **REPORTS**

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

Councilman Albensi asked the Council how they feel about the underground parking. There was discussion among the Council on this subject. This variance was previously approved. This is above and beyond the original.

**CLOSED SESSION**

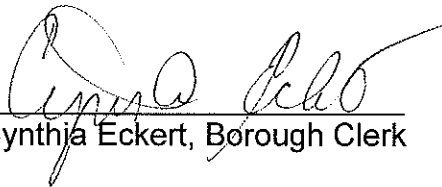
No Closed session was held.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A Motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway at 9:10 PM.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk