

BOROUGH OF NETCONG

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD MARCH 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 Mr. Blakeslee, Borough Administrator and Mrs. Eckert, Borough Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No minutes were presented at this meeting.

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

Mr. Todd Portsmore of 16 Dell Ave. requested a follow-up on his plea as a small business owner. He reviewed the history about his food truck situation. He wished to leave the Council with two things, how can the Council approve a food truck festival but not to him and noted the suggestion to "move his food truck to Mt. Olive."

Mr. Robert Hathaway III, of 11 Dell Ave. a student at Netcong Elementary School was wondering if the Council would like to purchase 50/50 tickets for the technology fundraiser. The Mayor agreed to purchase a book as well as Mr. Bucco. Mr. Bucco said he is happy to support the Netcong Education Foundation.

A Motion to Close the Meeting to the Public was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SID COST ESTIMATE

The SID Public Hearing was carried to the April 4th meeting by the Mayor and Council.

ORDINANCE ADOPTIONS

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.

A Motion to Read Ordinance 2019-4 - 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

Councilman Sylvester asked for clarification of the variances. Councilman Hathaway provided an explanation.

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 #2019-4 was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Koster.

Roll Call: 5 Yes No: Councilman Laureys

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Email – Our Lady of the Assumption Society, Inc.

It was determined this was just a request for the use of the field. Councilman Sylvester sent them the application.

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

1. Councilman Hathaway had questions about the Highlands Grants. Mr. Blakeslee requested a bit more time to make a few calls to other towns before a decision is made. He explained they will pay for an impact study. He gave details on this matter. It appears that the Borough would not have to make a lot of adjustments

to the Highlands Master Plan. He continued to explain the process for this funding. Mr. Bucco said he has done this in several towns. He explained the procedure to open up the Borough for funding. He feels Netcong is probably not compliant at this time and may have to make some changes. The Mayor is concerned about this process. Councilman Hathaway gave his comments and concerns about this subject. There was further discussion among the Council on this subject. Councilman Sylvester asked if we had turned this down before. Councilman Laureys made several comments regarding this matter. The Mayor provided explanation. There is lengthy discussion about the ins and outs of this plan. There is concern this will not always be optional. Mr. Bucco cautioned that the Council should not make decisions that will conflict with our current redevelopment projects.

Mr. Blakeslee requested authorization for RFP for Revaluation. A motion was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway to authorize.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

A motion to authorize an Engineer RFP was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

2. Food Truck Regulations – Mr. Blakeslee has given the Council an outline of what he feels should be included in the ordinance to be introduced at next month's meeting. There is discussion among the Council on this subject. Mr. Bucco gave his opinion on this matter. He suggested the trucks that are already out there can continue what they are doing for now, but the new regulations will apply to them. This is just a suggestion for the Council. Mr. Bucco said he does not recommend these trucks parking at the side of the road to conduct business. Councilman Laurey's had several questions which Mr. Bucco answered. He wanted to know if it is permissible for a private property owner to allow these businesses to park on their property. There was lengthy discussion on this subject. The Mayor stated we do not want to turn away businesses we just want to make sure it is done in an organized fashion that is fair to all. Councilman Hathaway asked if we could limit the amount of permits issued each year. It is agreed that this ordinance needs to be updated but it needs to be done properly. Mr. Blakeslee explained we have several sample ordinances from other towns. Mr. Bucco said there will be situations that may arise even after this ordinance is implemented. Councilman Hathaway stated we need to address this immediately since we have already approved a food truck festival. Mr. Bucco said he will have a draft ordinance by the first meeting in April. If anyone on the Council has issues with this they need to let Mr. Bucco know immediately so he can get the draft ordinance ready for the April meeting. There is further detailed discussion on this subject. Councilman Still requested we allow all trucks to operate in town until we complete this new ordinance Councilman Hathaway suggested we remove the current ordinance immediately. Mr. Bucco said a one day event is different than allowing a truck in on a regular basis but it is still a problem since the ordinance

does not allow it. He reiterated we should continue to allow what is currently being done and get the new ordinance passed. It is decided to allow Mr. Portsmouth to operate his truck but without the generator and not before 6:00 am. Mr. Blakeslee will send Mr. Portsmouth an email tonight. The Chief will notify Mr. Dellamo.

Ms. Maria Patamia of 34 Center St. is the owner of Fanucci's restaurant. She stated she had talked to Mr. Portsmouth and thought it was a great idea to start his business on their property. She said no one would be parking on the highway since they have 10 parking spaces. She said many of the tractor trailers are taking turns right by her restaurant which is a danger. She suggested they add something about hot dog carts into the ordinance as well. The Mayor asked about her travel business. She said she has several trips to Italy planned.

Mr. Blakeslee reminded everyone that there will be a presentation regarding Resilient Teens next Thursday.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance & Insurance: E. Still J. Sylvester

For the month of February 2019, the Borough had a total income in the amount of \$1,631,113.33 as compared to January 2018 of \$896,176.92.

For the month of February 2019:

Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated (MRNA):

In 2019 the Borough received \$10,876.00 compared to \$1,443.08 in 2018.

Other Licenses/Borough Clerks Fees:

The Borough received \$17,649.44 compared to \$11,417.42 in 2018.

State Aid:

We didn't receive state aid in February 2019 or February 2018.

Grants in Aid:

The Borough received \$22,602.74 in February 2019 for Grants in Aid as compared to none in February 2018.

Taxes Collected:

The Borough collected \$1,579,985.15 in 2019 compared to \$883,316.42 in 2018.

Income Total Year to Date:

The Total Income Year to date for 2019 is \$2,375,171.10 as opposed to 2,066,945.49 in 2018.

Councilman Sylvester reported that the Budget is completed and should be presented to the Council soon.

Economic Development: R. Hathaway E. Still

Councilman Hathaway reported that the final documents for Crown Point are going to Mr. Bucco's office for review. It is Crown Point's intention to break ground in April or May. The closing between Crown Point and Quirk has taken place.

The Pocketbook Factory project is moving forward. They also hope to break ground soon. Councilman Albensi asked a few questions about the Pocketbook Factory. There was discussion among Councilman Albensi and Councilman Hathaway on this subject. Councilman Albensi is trying to prepare for this going to the Planning Board. It was noted that the developer is self-financed.

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

Councilman Sylvester reported that he met the new patrolman in the Police Department this evening. The patrolman is fully trained and will be an asset to the group. He served 8 years in the military and worked for park police for 2 years. He is also pursuing a master's degree in IT.

Netcong received a \$1,500.00 grant for body armor.

Councilman Hathaway asked about the second candidate. Councilman Sylvester said she will be hired later this year.

Councilman Sylvester read the year-end report for Ambulance Squad

Yearly Activity Report Ambulance Corps 2018:

Calls Answered	
Stanhope:	289
Netcong:	399
Stand-By:	21
Total calls:	709
Out of Town Calls:	
Hackettstown:	1
Byram:	11
Hopatcong:	14
Roxbury:	1
Mt. Olive	6
Total:	29

Total Patients: 532
Trips to Hospital: 439
Miles Travelled: 12,562
Hours Volunteered: 2692hrs 49minutes

Ambulance Corp January, 2019

Calls Answered:
Stanhope: 19
Netcong: 27
Stand-By: 0
Total Calls: 46
Total Patients: 34
Total hospital trips: 29
Miles Travelled: 885
Hours Volunteered: 128 hrs. 12 minutes

Fire Department January

Total calls: 9
Drills: 5
Administrative details: 2
Total members: 35
Total Time volunteered: 176 hrs. 4 minutes

Police Report:

Total Calls: 304
Local Summons: 2

Dept. of Public

Works & Utilities: E. Koster R. Hathaway

Will hold report for minutes

Councilman Koster congratulated the DPW on their hard work with the snow.

Road Department: clean and service vehicles from winter wear Cut and remove large fallen branch on Koclas Dr Worked on straightening and repairing wind damaged street signsInstalled more parking restriction signs on Chestnut and McMullen StInstalled a no parking here to comer sign on Ledgewood Ave at Allen St Serviced 3 police vehicles.... repaired a catch basin on Bank St near Jenny Lind Patched pot holes where needed Cleaned catch basins on McMullen St. ...

Water Department: Performed monthly water samples.... Started filling in ruts in the roadway back to well 1 and well 2 ABB services was in to

perform bi annual calibration of well house meters Performed 1st qtr meter readings Repaired a service line leak on 12 Ledgewood Ave

Buildings & Grounds: Met with Direct Install to get quotes on new LED installations at Borough Hall and the Borough Garage Performed quarterly generator service

Snow: Plowed and or salted on 2-11, 2-12, 2-13, 2-18, 2-20, and 2/28....

Other: Repaired rusted out rear bumper plate on the Sr. Van Tom Mendel attended a recycling meeting for curbside collection and CEU's

Recreation: J. Albeni T. Laureys

1. Pretty Woman bus trip was held on Saturday 3/2, with 52 in attendance. A great time was had by all. We are looking to book 2 additional Broadway shows this year, August 3 and November 2 to see Come From Away and Ain't Too Proud (The Temptation Story).
2. The 2019 Recreation Restaurant Showcase which will be held on Saturday June 1st is in set up process. The event will run 2 - 4:30. Flyers for food establishments are complete and ready to be distributed and band is booked (Billy's Garage Band). The recipients of the proceeds this year will be the Growing Stage and 3 local food banks (seems like the shelves at these food banks are in great need of replenishing). Note: We are willing to work with other local organizations in future years to aid in their fundraising efforts.
3. We will be sending out a flyer to see if there is an interest in a trip to NYC for the 2019 Feast of San Genaro event. Trip is scheduled for Saturday Sept 14th; however, we are not sure we can fill a bus. Ticket price will be \$25 per person
4. Garage Sale sign ups will be Saturday April 6 at Borough Hall from 10 -12.
5. Tai Chi will begin on Saturday May 4th, at 10 am at DiRenzo Park.

Department of Public Services: T. Laureys J. Albeni
(Human Services
Recycling & Solid
Waste Disposal

Dial a Ride February:
Days of service: 19
Miles: 1050
of Stops: 66
Nutrition for 2 people: 13

Food shopping: 37
of Meals on Wheels: 11
Medical Apt: 10
Other apt: 97
People using services: 40
Cancels: 22 (snow 2/20-2/21)
Denials: 0
Units: 248
Hours: 97.25

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business was presented at this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Social Affair Permit – Growing Stage Theatre

A motion was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Hathaway to approve the permit.
Roll Call: 5 Yes Abstain: Councilman Sylvester

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL

The President and other Councilmen had no matters to discuss at this time.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

The Mayor addressed the pole incident on Rt. 183. The Police Chief had everything under control very quickly. He congratulated the Police Chief, DPW and the Fire Department for a job well done.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. **Resolution #2019-33** – Providing Advice and Consent to the Appointment of the Members of the Board of Trustees of Netcong Borough, Inc. the District Management Corporation of the Borough's Special Improvement District.

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

2. **Resolution #2019-34**- Authorizing the Reduction of a Performance Guarantee for the Development Known as Progressive Properties Along Railroad Ave. Block 8, Lot 36.

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

3. **Resolution #2019-35** - Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement for the Use of an Emergency Water Interconnection System Between the Borough of Stanhope, County of Sussex and the Borough of Netcong, County of Morris, Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1, ET SEQ.

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

4. **Resolution #2019-36** - Authorizing the Award of a Contract to Civil Solutions, a Division of Adams, Rehmann and Heggan Associates, Inc., to Develop an Updated, State-Certified Digital Tax Map for the Borough of Netcong.

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

PROCLAMATIONS

The Mayor introduced and commended the following two Proclamations:

1. **Proclamation** - National Donate Life Month

WHEREAS, realizing the urgent need for organ and tissue donors across the country, the NATIONAL DONATE LIFE MONTH observance promotes a greater understanding about the life-savings benefits of donation and transplantation; and

WHEREAS, the transplantation of organs and tissue is a miracle of modern medicine made possible through the compassion of organ and tissue donors; and

WHEREAS, there are nearly 4,000 New Jersey residents and 115,000 Americans awaiting life-saving transplant operations; and

WHEREAS, every capable person should support this vital effort by registering as an organ and tissue donor, making their family aware of their wishes to give this precious gift of life to people in need; and

WHEREAS, registering as an organ and tissue donor at a local Motor Vehicle Agency or online at www.NJSharingNetwork.org signifies our fundamental responsibility to help others.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Mayor Joseph A. Nametko, of the Borough of Netcong do hereby proclaim the month of April 2019 as Donate Life Month in Netcong New Jersey, and urge all residents to join in promoting organ and tissue donor education throughout National Donate Life Month.

2. Proclamation – National Poison Prevention Week

WHEREAS, in 1961 Congress designated the third week in March to be National Poison Prevention Week and since then this week has helped to raise national awareness of the dangers of potentially poisonous medicines, household chemicals, and other substances; and

WHEREAS, unintentional poisoning is the leading cause of unintentional injury or death in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, drug overdose deaths including prescription pain medicine and heroin remain at epidemic proportions for both New Jersey and the United States; and

WHEREAS, a poison is defined as anything that is taken in the wrong amount, in the wrong way or by the wrong person; and

WHEREAS, every poisoning is preventable! From the youngest to the oldest, all people and even pets are at risk; and

WHEREAS, although the majority of reported poison exposures involve children five (5) years old and younger; the majority of poisoning deaths occur in adults aged 20 to 59; and

WHEREAS, the public can contact a poison expert through the Poison Helpline by calling (1-800-222-1222), chatting(www.njpies.org), or texting (8002221222@njpies.org), all services are free, confidential, multilingual and available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year even during bouts of Mother Nature; and

WHEREAS, poison experts urge residents to use our services as a resource for poison and drug information instead of consulting the internet for information that may not be accurate; and

WHEREAS, we encourage all residents to program the Poison Help Line 800-222-1222 into home, office, and cell phones because a rapid response can make a difference in preventing serious injury and saving lives; and

WHEREAS, the use of poison center services saves residents both time and money. Most cases are managed in the convenience of the caller's home, requiring no hospital visit.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Joseph A. Nametko, of the Borough of Netcong do hereby proclaim the week of March 18-23, 2019 as National Poison Prevention Week in New Jersey and encourage all citizens to pledge their commitment to ensuring the safety of themselves, their families, and their community.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS

1. **Ordinance 2019-5**-AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTERS 247 AND 225 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG, MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, AND ESTABLISHING FIXED PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AND AMENDING THE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH.

A Motion to Introduce Ordinance #2019-5 and Read by Title Only by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

A Motion to Pass Ordinance #2019-5 on First Reading was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 5 Yes No: Councilman Laureys

2. **Ordinance 2019-6**- AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE POLICE CHIEF TO EXECUTE AN APPLICATION FOR A CHARITABLE SOLICITATION PERMIT FOR AMERICAN LEGION AMBULANCE CORP OF STANHOPE/NETCONG'S "COIN DROP" ON JUNE 7TH, JUNE 8TH 2019 AND ON SEPTEMBER 6TH, AND SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2019 AT THE INTERSECTIONS OF ALLEN STREET AND LEDGEWOOD AVENUE AND MAIN STREET AND ROUTE 46 IN THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

A Motion to Introduce Ordinance #2019-6 and Read by Title Only was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Still.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

A Motion to Pass Ordinance #2019-6 on First Reading was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Still.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

REPORTS

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

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

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

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

The Mayor encouraged the Council to attend the NEF St. Patty's Dinner

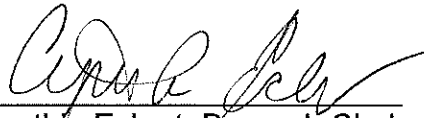
CLOSED SESSION

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 8:57PM. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk