

BOROUGH OF NETCONG

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD APRIL 4, 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 Laureys, Councilman Still, Councilman Sylvester and Mayor Nametko. Also present were Mr. Blakeslee, Borough Administrator and Mrs. Eckert, Borough Clerk.

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

Ms. Lisa Corliss of 90 Stoll St., has lived in Netcong for 4 years. She is concerned about the students walking on Stoll St. The cars fly by her house and are hazard for the children playing outside and riding their bicycles in the street. She wanted to know if anything can be done to rectify this situation. The Mayor advised Ms. Corliss this has been brought to the Council in the past. Councilman Sylvester suggested we poll the residents of Stoll St. and College Rd. about installing speed tables. The Mayor asked what the time frame was for this problem. She reported that this occurs around 3:30ish on weekdays and on the weekends as well, especially when the weather gets nice. The Mayor agreed with Councilman Sylvester's solution. He understands how this is a problem on that end of Stoll St. because it is so narrow. There is brief discussion among the Council regarding traffic on Stoll St. and other roads. Mrs. VonHagen, 90 Stoll Street, gave her review of this situation as she lives right in the middle of this situation. She also sent pictures to the Council on some of the ideas for a solution. Councilman Laureys suggested putting signs children at play etc. Mrs. VonHagen suggested temporary (radar speed reporting) signs work well but permanent ones are ignored over

time. There was further discussion on this subject. 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: 5 Yes

AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

The following items are for discussion purposes only. Any action on these items will take place at the meeting of April 11, 2019.

1. **Swear in New Police Officers**

Resolution 2019-39 -Appoint Paige Mosner- Probationary Patrolman

Resolution 2019-40 -Appoint Richard Barbini II-Probationary Patrolman

This was carried to the April 11th meeting.

2. **Minutes** – March 7, 2019

Minutes – March 14, 2019 with an amendment to change the public portion of the meeting as person asking for tickets was Councilman Hathaway's son, Robert III not Councilman Robert Jr.

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes

3. **Presentation-** Netcong Community Partnership – Stephen Fredericks

Mr. Fredericks stepped forward to provide his report. In 2019 the NCP will utilize carry over funds to add signs to promote the town. They will be requesting an RFP for that. They will also be providing the Borough with two electric poles to have on hand in case of accident. They will also have an initiative to the businesses to update the facades of their buildings. They are also working with the Borough to put together welcome packets for new business owners. They are including distribution to the current business members in hopes to encourage their participation. The NCP will be replacing the banners on Main St. to upgrade the look of the town. On Monday, the group will be starting discussion regarding the sign ordinances the Borough has now; and to consider having outdoor eating areas for our businesses. The NCP is actively working on developing relationships with Morris County Chamber of Commerce and The Morris County Economic Development Association. There is a new bill that has gone to the Governor for signing. NJ Economic Development Day will be in the first week of May. Another bill is in the works to benefit small town development which has already been passed by the Senate. They are looking for new members for the NCP board. They are excited about the new building in town. Councilman Still said they are doing a great job. Councilman Albensi would like to note in the minutes that because of the NCP, the Municipal Alliance and

Recreation Committee is able to do many programs. He thanked the NCP for their support. The Mayor mentioned to Mr. Fredericks that he would like to have the Morris Arts display work at Netcong Day. The spaces would be free. He would like to know if Mr. Fredericks could contact them. Mr. Fredericks responded affirmatively. There was a brief discussion about this. Mr. Blakeslee wished to make a comment; he wanted to let Mr. Fredericks know the self-watering pots provided by the NCP are much appreciated. Councilman Albensi mentioned Dover has a nice electronic sign that would be useful in Netcong. Mr. Fredericks agreed this type of sign would be beneficial. There is brief discussion on this subject as well. The Mayor said it was approved by the DOT. Mr. Fredericks thanked the Council.

4. **Resolution 2019-32** – Approving the 2019 Cost Estimate for the Special Improvement District of the Borough of Netcong

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

Roll Call: 4 Yes No: Councilman Laureys

5. **Adoption - 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

This was carried to the April 11th meeting.

6. **Adoption - 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

This was carried to the April 11th meeting.

7. **Correspondence** – Crown Point – Request for one-year extension of sewer and water allocation.

Councilman Sylvester asked if they were coming to an end to their extension. He asked if there will be a shovel in the ground. Councilman Hathaway stated they should be starting in the summer. They are planning to demolish in May their permits are in order. There is discussion among the Council on this subject.

8. **Correspondence** – Lake Musconetcong Regional Planning Board – Annual Report

Councilman Hathaway encouraged the Council to read it and recommended a few highlights.

9. **Resolution 2019-37** - Municipal Alliance Grant for Fiscal Year 2020

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes

10. **Resolution 2019-38** – To Appoint Lisa Schuffenhauer- Municipal Alliance Coordinator

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes

11. **Resolution 2019-41** - Appoint Wayne Benvenuto Alternate Crossing Guard

This resolution was carried to the April 11th meeting.

12. **Introduction - Ordinance 2019-7** - An Ordinance Amending Chapters 169 and 183 of the Code of the Borough of Netcong, Morris County, New Jersey and Establishing Regulations for the Transient Food and Drink Merchants Including Food Truck Vendors.

Councilman Hathaway made suggestions for several changes to this ordinance. He provided the sections of the ordinance as he added his reasons for the changes. Councilman Still asked where Mr. Bucco found the information for this ordinance. There was discussion among the Council on these issues. Mr. Blakeslee will send this back to our attorney with all the suggested changes from the Council.

13. **Introduction – Ordinance 2019-8** - An Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank

This was carried to the April 11th meeting.

14. **Introduction - Ordinance 2019 -9** – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 268 “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG REVISING ARTICLE VIII, SCHEDULES, SECTION 268-25A, SCHEDULE 9 – PERMIT PARKING REQUIRED.

Mr. Blakeslee had one question about this ordinance. He wanted to clarify the terminus of the zone where the parking would end. There has been

discussion on painting line for the parking. The Council said this has been settled there will not be any more changes.

This was carried to the April 11th meeting.

15. Introduction - Ordinance 2019 – 10 - Capital Ordinances

This was carried to the April 11th meeting.

16. Introduction of the 2019 Municipal Budget

1. **Resolution 2019-42** – Introduction of the 2019 Municipal Budget
2. **Resolution 2019-43** – Resolution for Self-Examination of the 2019 Budget

Councilman Still said this budget brings Netcong into the future and keeps the resident taxes in check.

This was carried to the April 11th meeting.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL

Councilman Hathaway noted he will not be here next week. He is pleased with the budget.

Economic Development – they have met with Woodmont Properties about redeveloping their property. The Borough agreed they would purchase the Compac lot. Councilman Still stated if this can be done the Transit Village would be complete without dealing with NJ Transit. They are serious about this development.

The Pocketbook Factory has met with the engineers about the drainage issue. Mr. Blakeslee provided background regarding this subject. Councilman Hathaway included details as well. Councilman Albensi said there are delays at the Planning Board level. Discussion continued on this subject.

Councilman Albensi will also not be here next week so he provided his Recreation Report.

- August 3rd Broadway trip.
- November bus trip
- Easter Egg Hunt with ice cream and pictures with bunny
- Garage sale sign ups this coming Saturday
- Indians Field debacle: There was brief discussion on this subject. This field will be used by other organizations through the next 3 seasons. There will be new cameras supplied for this field.

MAYORS COMMENTS

The Mayor had no comments at this time.

PROCLAMATION

No proclamations were presented during this meeting.

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes

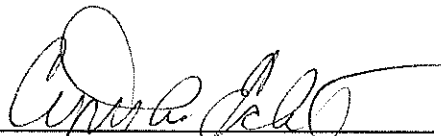
CLOSED SESSION

No closed session was held this evening.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Still, seconded by Councilman Hathaway and moved by unanimous voice vote at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk