

BOROUGH OF NETCONG

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD APRIL 11, 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, via conference call; Councilman Hathaway via conference call; Councilman Koster, Councilman Laureys, Councilman Sylvester and Mayor Nametko. Also present were Mr. Blakeslee, Borough Administrator and Mrs. Eckert, Borough Clerk.

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

Seeing no one stepping forward, a Motion to Close the Meeting to the Public was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

2019 BUDGET – RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES

Resolution #2019-43 – Governing Body Certification of Compliance with The United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964".

A motion was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Sylvester to approve this resolution.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

Resolution #2019 - 44 – Resolution for Self – Examination of the 2019 Budget

A motion was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Koster.
Roll Call: 5 Yes

Ordinance 2019 – 8 - Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank. *Note: this ordinance must be introduced and adopted prior to the adoption of the 2019 budget.*

A Motion to Introduce Ordinance #2019-8 and Read by Title Only was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Koster.
Roll Call: 5 Yes

A Motion to Pass Ordinance #2019-8- on First Reading was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Koster.
Roll Call: 5 Yes

INTRODUCTION OF THE 2019 BUDGET

Resolution #2019 – 45 - Introduction of the 2019 Municipal Budget

A motion was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Koster to approve this resolution.
Roll Call: 5 Yes

INTRODUCTION OF 2019 CAPITAL AND BOND ORDINANCES

Capital Ordinance 2019 -10 - Capital Ordinance of The Borough of Netcong, In The County of Morris, New Jersey Authorizing The Acquisition of a Sewer Jet Vacuum Machine In, By and For The Sewer Utility of The Borough, Appropriating Therefor The Sum Of \$90,000 and Providing That Such Sum So Appropriated Shall Be Raised From The Sewer Utility Capital Improvement Fund, Developers Contributions and The Capital Reserve For Sewer Maintenance and Equipment.

A Motion to Introduce Capital Ordinance #2019-10 and Read by Title Only was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.
Roll Call: 5 Yes

A Motion to Pass Capital Ordinance #2019-10- on First Reading was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.
Roll Call: 5 Yes

Capital Ordinance 2019 -11 - Capital Ordinance of The Borough Of Netcong, In The County Of Morris, New Jersey Authorizing The Making Of Various Public Improvements and Acquisitions In, By And For The Water Utility Of The Borough, Appropriating

Therefore, The Sum Of \$84,000 and Providing That Such Sum So Appropriated Shall Be Raised From The Water Utility Capital Improvement Fund.

A Motion to Introduce Capital Ordinance #2019-11 and Read by Title Only was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.
Roll Call: 5 Yes

A Motion to Pass Capital Ordinance #2019-11- on First Reading was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.
Roll Call: 5 Yes

Bond Ordinance 2019 -12 Bond Ordinance To Authorize The Making of Various Public Improvements and The Acquisition of New Additional or Replacement Equipment and Machinery, New Information Technology Equipment, New Communication and Signal Systems Equipment and a New Automotive Vehicle, Including Original Apparatus and Equipment, In, By and For The Borough Of Netcong, In The County Of Morris, State Of New Jersey, To appropriate The Sum Of \$328,100 To Pay The Cost Thereof, To appropriate Borough Reserve Fund Moneys, To Make a Down Payment, To Authorize The Issuance of Bonds To Finance Such Appropriation And To Provide For The Issuance of Bond Anticipation Notes In Anticipation of The Issuance of Such Bonds.

A Motion to Introduce Bond Ordinance #2019-12 and Read by Title Only was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Koster.
Roll Call: 5 Yes

A Motion to Pass Bond Ordinance #2019-12 - on First Reading was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Koster.
Roll Call: 5 Yes

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SID COST ESTIMATE

A Motion to close the public hearing was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Koster.
Roll Call: 4 Yes No: Councilman Laureys

Resolution #2019-32-Resolution to Approve the 2019 Cost Estimate for the Borough's Special Improvement District.

A motion was made by councilman Sylvester and seconded by councilman Koster .
Roll Call: 4 Yes No: Councilman Laureys

ORDINANCE ADOPTIONS

Ordinance 2019-5- 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 of Netcong.

Mr. Blakeslee provided additional information regarding this ordinance for the Council.

A Motion to Read Ordinance 2019-5 by Title Only on Second Reading and a Hearing Held Thereon was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Koster.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes

A Motion to Adopt Ordinance #2019-5 was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Koster.

Roll Call: 4 Yes No: Councilman Laureys

Ordinance 2019-6 - 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 Read Ordinance 2019-6 by Title Only on Second Reading and a Hearing Held Thereon was made by Councilman Laureys and seconded by Councilman Koster.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes

A Motion to Adopt Ordinance #2019-6 was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Koster.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS

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 Transient Food and Drink Merchants Including Food Truck Vendors.

Mr. Laureys asked a question regarding this ordinance. Mr. Bucco provided the answer.

A Motion to Introduce Ordinance #2019-7- and Read by Title Only by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.
Roll Call: 5 Yes

A Motion to Pass Ordinance #2019-7- on First Reading was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Laureys.
Roll Call: 5 Yes

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.

A Motion to Introduce Ordinance #2019-9 and Read by Title Only was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Koster.
Roll Call: 5 Yes

A Motion to Pass Ordinance #2019-9 - on First Reading was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Koster.
Roll Call: 5 Yes

NEW BUSINESS

1. Social Affair Permit – Hilltop Fire Company #2 – Food Truck Festival

A motion was made by Councilman Laureys and seconded by Councilman Koster.
Roll Call: 4 Yes Abstain: Councilman Sylvester

2. Social Affair Permit – Columbus Club – Comedy Night

A motion was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Laureys.
Roll Call: 4 Yes Abstain: Councilman Hathaway

(For the record, Councilman Albensi and Councilman Hathaway left the meeting.)

APPOINTMENT OF NEW POLICE OFFICERS

Resolution 2019- 39 - Appoint Paige Mosner as Probationary Patrolwoman.

A motion was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Koster.
Roll Call: 3 Yes

Resolution 2019-40 - Appoint Richard J. Barbini Jr. as Probationary Patrolman

A motion was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Koster.
Roll Call: 3 Yes

SWEAR IN PATROLWOMAN MOSNER

The Police Chief provided some information regarding the first patrolwoman Ms. Mosner.

Mrs. Eckert, Borough Clerk, swore in Patrolwoman Mosner.

SWEAR IN PATROLMAN BARBINI

The Police Chief provided some history of Mr. Barbini.

Mrs. Eckert, Borough Clerk, swore in Patrolman Barbini.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There were no minutes presented at this meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. NJ Department of Transportation – 2019 Municipal Aid Program Funding

Mr. Blakeslee provided some additional information.

2. American Legion Post 278 – Letter requesting permission to conduct the Memorial Day Parade in the Borough of Netcong.

A motion was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.
Roll Call: 3 Yes

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Blakeslee referred to a memo from Mr. Guerin that was distributed. The memo was about some issues with the reservoir roof project. It was requested that if there are any questions to let Mr. Blakeslee know he will forward them to Mr. Guerin. There was brief discussion among the Council on this topic.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance & Insurance: E. Still J. Sylvester

For the month of March 2019, the Borough had a total income in the amount of \$96,621.01 as compared to March 2018 of \$138,216.11.

For the month of March 2019:

Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated (MRNA):
In 2019 the Borough received \$1,812.50 compared to \$15,869.39 in 2018.

Other Licenses/Borough Clerks Fees: The Borough received \$18,003.91 compared to \$15,869.39 in 2018.

State Aid: We didn't receive state aid in March 2019 or March 2018.

Grants in Aid: The Borough didn't receive any money in March 2019 for Grants in Aid as compared to \$25,723.75 in March 2018.

Taxes Collected: The Borough collected \$76,804.60 in 2019 compared to \$85,674.97 in 2018.

Income Total Year to Date: The Total Income Year to date for 2019 is \$2,471,792.11 as opposed to \$2,205,161.60 in 2019.

Economic Development: R. Hathaway E. Still

The Mayor mentioned Woodmont has approached the Borough and would like to build rentals. There was brief discussion on this subject.

It was noted that the Planning Board is still waiting on Crown Walk to submit the Planning Board Application. Mr. Blakeslee gave an update. There was brief discussion on this.

Public Safety: J. Sylvester E. Koster
(Police, Fire, Rescue)
Fire Dept. put on record

Mr. Sylvester read the Ambulance and Police Reports:

Fire Department
Total Calls: 13
General Alarms: 10
Mutual Aid: 3
Total Members: 41

Drills: 7
Total Members: 28
Administrative Details: 5
Total Members: 33
TOTAL MEMBERS:41
Total Time Volunteered: 391 hours, 44 minutes

Ambulance Squad

48 Total Calls
34 Patients
32 Trips to the Hospital
836 Miles
165 hours and 47minutes volunteered

Police Department

111 Motor Vehicle Summons
26 tickets regarding overnight parking
406 Total Calls

Dept. of Public

Works & Utilities: E. Koster R. Hathaway

Mr. Koster put the DPW report on file.

D.P.W. Monthly Report March 2019

Road Department: Cleaned McMullen St after heavy rain floodingInstalled new street signs on McMullen St.. .Carolyn Way, Helen Way, and Ikes Lane

Water Department: Performed monthly water reports Performed all utility mark out requests Repaired a broken water box at Palumbo's on Maple Ave Repaired a water main leak near 13 Stoll St Picked up message boards from the County for hydrant flushing notificationInstalled new radio reader at 24 Old Ledgewood Ave

Buildings & Grounds: Cleared sidewalks through multiple snow events Performed weekly generator reports Started painting plumbing pipe at all well houses Organize and service winter to summer equipment.Install benches on Main St bump outs Repaired 2 leaking toilets and sink at FH 1 Hung the Welcome to Netcong banners

Parks & Recreation: Performed pre-season inspection of the parks bathrooms for April opening

Snow: Plowed and or salted on March 1", 2"d, 3rd, and 9th

Other: Tom Mendel attended a recycling tonnage report meeting in Bordentown Mike Canfield attended a 1st qtr. safety meeting with the JIF Tom Mendel prepared annual tonnage report for recycling ...Tim Hess repaired fan belt and bearings on Sr Van

Water Department: Pumped 2,288,200 gallons more in 2019 than 2018.

Recreation: J. Albensi T. Laureys

The Mayor provided a brief update. Mr. Blakeslee and the Council added some dates they recalled.

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

Councilman Laureys Filed the Report.

Dial a Ride for March 2019

Days of Service: 21
Miles: 993
#of Stops: 76
Nutrition for 2 people: 17
Food Shopping: 48
of Meals on wheels: 11
Medical Appointments: 11
Other Appointments: 136
People Using Services: 41
Cancels: 11
Denials: 0
Unites: 264
Hours: 101.25

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL

The Council President stated he was looking forward to warmer weather.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

The Mayor had no comment at this time.

RESOLUTIONS voted by block

1. **Resolution #2019-41** – To Appoint Wayne Benvenuto as an Alternate Crossing Guard

A motion was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.
Roll Call: 3 Yes

2. **Resolution #2019-42** – Authorizing the Extension of Time for the Sewer and Water Allocations Approved by Resolution No. 2017-108 for the Crown Point Development Project Located on Bank Street in the Borough of Netcong, Block 16.01, Lots 24 and 25.01.

A motion was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.
Roll Call: 3 Yes

REPORTS

A Motion to Incorporate All Reports into the Minutes was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Koster.
Roll Call: 3 Yes

BILLS

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

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

The PTA Easter Egg Hunt to be held this Saturday was mentioned.

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

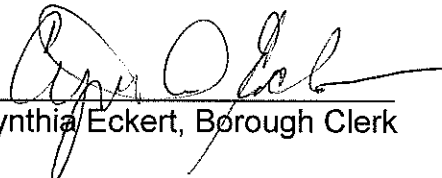
CLOSED SESSION

No closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made by Councilman Sylvester and moved by unanimous voice vote at 8:15PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk