

BOROUGH OF NETCONG

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD MAY 2, 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.

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

A Motion to close the meeting to the public was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

CROWN POINT PRESENTATION

Mr. Jeff Milanaik apologized for not being available for the prior meeting, but had some personal issues to attend to. He provided an update on the Crown Point Redevelopment Project. He explained and gave details on why there have been some delays with the start of this project. Easements needed to be obtained from neighboring properties which caused the delays. There was also an unexpected title search. He gave the details on these issues. He said due to these circumstances they have not been able to close on the property. The new projected closing is the end of May. Once the closing takes place they will begin obtaining the permits to start work. They have added another investor in

this project. There has been work going on but it is the behind the scenes work that is common with these types of projects.

The Mayor asked when the demolition will start. Mr. Milanaik is hoping for right after the closing. He said asbestos would need to be removed before demolition will take place. Mr. Blakeslee requested they notify us when the asbestos removal company will be coming so we can notify the public that this is a safety measure before the demolition. There was further discussion on the details of the beginning of the project. The Council thanked Mr. Milanaik for his time.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

The following items are for discussion purposes only. Any action on these items will take place at the meeting of May 9, 2019.

1. **Minutes** – April 4, 2019

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

Roll call: 5 Yes Abstain: Councilman Koster

2. **Minutes** – April 11, 2019

A Motion was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Hathaway to approve the minutes.

Roll Call: 5 Yes Councilman Hathaway's voted included votes recorded via conference call.

Abstain: Councilmen Albensi and Still

3. **Public Hearing on SID Assessments**

This will be carried to the May 9th Meeting.

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

This will be carried to the May 9th Meeting.

5. **Resolution 2019** – Approving the Introduction of the 2019 Budget of the Netcong Community Partnership Special Improvement District and Authorizing a Public Hearing to Be Held Thereon

This will be carried to the May 9th Meeting.

6. **Ordinance Adoption- 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.

Councilman Hathaway had several comments on this ordinance. He read Page 2 section 5 fees; he feels it is unclear what the fees are. He suggested it should say fees may be waived. He feels there may be instances where we may not want to waive these fees. He requested there be a wording change for this. Councilman Sylvester made a comment about the wording. Councilman Hathaway feels this section needs to be reworded because it is not clear. There was brief discussion among the council on this subject. Mr. Hathaway felt there was also an issue with the wording for a social food truck vendor. The Mayor agrees with Councilman Hathaway on these issues. There was further discussion among the Council on this. Mr. Blakeslee will contact Mr. Bucco to clarify.

This will be carried to the May 9th Meeting.

7. **Ordinance Adoption- Ordinance 2019-8** - Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank.

This will be carried to the May 9th Meeting.

8. **Ordinance Adoption - 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.

This will be carried to the May 9th Meeting.

9. **Ordinance Adoption -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.

This will be carried to the May 9th Meeting.

10. **Ordinance Adoption - 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 Therefor The Sum Of \$84,000 and Providing That Such Sum So Appropriated Shall Be Raised From The Water Utility Capital Improvement Fund.

This will be carried to the May 9th Meeting.

11. **Ordinance Adoption - 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.

This will be carried to the May 9th Meeting.

12. Correspondence -Netcong Planning Board Memo and Resolution- Bond Ordinance 2019-12 Consistent with Master Plan

13. Correspondence – Letter from MUA-Recycling

There was brief discussion about the changes in recycling. The Mayor spoke with the Solid Waste Advisory Committee that the curb side pick-up needs to be done properly and the cans put back at the curb. He explained how we are now paying for our recycling instead of getting paid for it. There was discussion among the council on this subject. Councilman Hathaway said the MUA is privately owned and making money off of it. Mr. Blakeslee explained we have changed our garbage contract so we can possibly change our recycling contract to another hauler. There was lengthy discussion regarding the recycling issues and discrepancies. Councilman Sylvester asked when we can notify the public on the changes.

14. Old Business – No old business was presented.

15. New Business-Appointment of Ralph A. Nastro Jr. as a Junior Firefighter for Fire Co. No. 2

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

16. New Business – Appointment of Matthew Urquhart as a Junior Firefighter for Fire Co. No.1

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

17. New Business – Social Affair Permit – Growing Stage -2nd Netcong Restaurant Showcase

A motion was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Hathaway to approve the permit.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

18. Resolution 2019- Appointing Cesario DiBernard as Temporary Part Time Laborer for the Department of Public Works.

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

19. Resolution 2019- Authorizing the Tax Collector to Prepare and Mail Estimated Tax Bills

A motion was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

20. Resolution 2019- Construction Services - Shared Service – Byram

Mr. Blakeslee started a brief discussion on this subject and the slight changes to the agreement.

This was carried to the May 9th meeting.

21. Hearing and Adoption of the 2019 Municipal Budget

This was carried to the May 9th meeting.

22. Resolution 2019- -To Read the 2019 Budget by Title Only.

This was carried to the May 9th meeting.

23. Resolution 2019- -To Adopt the 2019 Budget

This was carried to the May 9th meeting.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL

The Council President asked about insurance for fireman playing softball or any recreational activity on the fields. He provided details regarding this request. Councilman Still had questions about this and requested a copy of the insurance policy and the name of the insurance agency. He is not pleased with the JIF and would like to look into other insurance. There was brief discussion among the Council. Councilman Koster asked if a different insurance cannot be found, can the Borough pay for the insurance so the fire department can play softball. There was heated discussion on this subject. Mr. Blakeslee gave details on the insurance we now carry. There was lengthy discussion on possible solutions to this problem. Councilman Koster will check on a policy from another insurance company.

MAYORS COMMENTS

The contractor will be starting the demolition of the fence at Arbolino Field. It is about a 60-day process to do the project. He gave details on the Arbolino Park project and that we will have to close Arbolino Park for a short period of time while this project is taking

place. The Mayor is working with the Recreation Commission to notify the players when they will not be able to use the field. There was detailed discussion among the Council.

PROCLAMATION

No proclamations were presented this evening.

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

CLOSED SESSION

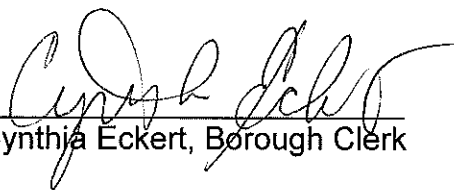
A closed session was not held at this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway at 8:24PM.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

Respectfully Submitted,


Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk