

BOROUGH OF NETCONG

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD MAY 9, 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.

NETCONG SCHOOL- BUDGET PRESENTATION

Bernadette Dalesandro, Kate Walsh and Paul Stabile came to give their budget presentation that was shared at their meeting. Ms. Walsh gave detailed information on some of the projects that they completed in 2018-2019 as well as some of their current programs for the children which include but are not limited to a robotic and computer programming program. She then gave detailed information on the plans and improvements for the 2019-2020 school year. She gave a brief description of the enrollment as well as a brief synopsis on possible grants. Shared services with other districts were discussed. Mr. Stabile spoke about the budget, expenditures and grants

and debt expenses and capital expense details. Ms. Walsh gave a summary on their information.

Ms. Dalesandro, Board President, stated that Ms. Walsh will be the principal for the next 3 years. She gave them information on regionalizing the 3 sending districts and Lenape Valley HS. She gave details on a meeting with Mr. Sweeney and Mr. Oroho about this regionalization and make it a state pilot program which was encouraging for the Netcong Board of Education. The taxpayers will have the final say on this process. The Mayor asked how this regionalization will work. Will the formula still be the same? Mr. Bucco explained how these 3 formulas are calculated. He explained how the Senate president may try to change the legislation to make this more viable. She explained how it is a work in progress. They thanked the Council for their time.

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

Mr. Barbarula, who is running for Assembly in the 25th district, gave his background in government and the private sector. He is a lifelong resident of NJ. He is running because he loves NJ. He is concerned with the new Governors taxing ideas. He gave details on this subject. He feels we need to bring livability back to NJ. He thanked the Council for their time.

Mr. Donisi, 134 Main St., asked about his SID assessment.

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

ORDINANCE ADOPTIONS

1. **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.

A Motion to Read Ordinance 2019-7- by Title Only on Second Reading and a Hearing Held Thereon Was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by councilman Still.
Roll Call:6 Yes

A Motion to Close Public Hearing was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

Comments from the Board Members:

Councilman Hathaway stated that he talked to Mr. Bucco and Mr. Oostdyk on this ordinance about the social food truck wording. Mr. Bucco gave comments on the

particulars of this subject. Councilman Hathaway clarified his opinion on this. Mr. Bucco asked for the section so he could review. Councilman Hathaway read the section in question. Mr. Bucco provided details on this section. Councilman Hathaway argued that Mr. Bucco's explanation is not clear in the written text. There was further discussion on this subject among Mr. Bucco and Councilman Hathaway. Councilman Sylvester suggested there is a gap in this wording which could cause issue at some point. There was further discussion on this matter. Councilman Laureys suggested we wait for this problem to happen and address this at that time. Councilman Albensi did not agree. The Mayor said this is a new ordinance and we should take care of it at this time. Mr. Bucco warned this could still be a problem. Councilman Sylvester said we are trying to eliminate a food truck operating in any area other than the commercial zone. Mr. Bucco said you could define and limit social events conducted by the food truck owner. Councilman Hathaway also had an issue on the fee section. He feels everyone should be charged the \$25.00 fee since work has to be done in the office. Borough events should not be exempt from this fee. Councilman Sylvester thought this had been clarified. Councilman Albensi would rather take the time to get this right and not push this ordinance through. Councilman Hathaway is concerned we will have to allow groups in that we do not want as the ordinance reads at this time. Mr. Bucco gave a review of the changes that were made to this ordinance over time. There was further discussion on the details of this matter.

Motion to table to defeat the Ordinance on second reading was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

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

A Motion to Read Ordinance 2019-8- by Title Only on Second Reading and a Hearing Held Thereon was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

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

A Motion to Adopt Ordinance 2019-8 was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

1. **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 Read Ordinance 2019-9- by Title Only on Second Reading and a Hearing Held Thereon was Made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

A motion to close the public hearing was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

A Motion to Adopt Ordinance 2019-9 was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

2. **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 Read Capital Ordinance 2019-10- 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 the Public Hearing was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

A motion to Adopt the Capital Ordinance 2019-10 was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

3. **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.**

A Motion to Read Capital Ordinance 2019-11- 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 the Public Hearing was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

A Motion to Adopt Capital Ordinance 2019-11 was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

4. **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.

A Motion to Read Bond Ordinance 2019-12- by Title Only on Second Reading and a Hearing Held Thereon was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

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

A Motion to Adopt Bond Ordinance 2019-12 was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF THE 2019 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

VALERIE DOLAN – AUDITOR REVIEW OF BUDGET

Mrs. Dolan provided a synopsis of the budget. She noted it is a good budget. She called two items to the Council's attention. This is a self-review year but the state has implemented a new electronic system. There are some issues with the system software that may cause an issue with the tax rate certification. The Auditor and CFO are working on this at this time. This is an issue with the state system not the Borough's files. This will not hold up budget or adoption just the tax rate. There is discussion on this FAST system and its issues.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2019 BUDGET

A Motion to Close the Public Hearing regarding the 2019 Budget was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

Resolution 2019- 48 - To Read the 2019 Budget by Title Only.

A motion to Read the Budget by Title Only was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

Resolution 2019–49- To Adopt the 2019 Budget.

A motion to Adopt the Budget was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

Mrs. Dolan provided a synopsis on the audit. It was considered a “Clean” audit except for segregation of duties. She thanked the council for their time.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SID ASSESSMENTS

A Motion to close the Public Hearing was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Still.

Roll Call: 5 Yes No: Councilman Laureys

Resolution #2019-50- Resolution Approving the Property Assessments for the Netcong Community Partnership Special Improvement District of the Borough of Netcong

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes No: Councilman Laureys

Resolution #2019-51 – Approving the Introduction of the 2019 Budget of the Netcong Community Partnership Special Improvement District and Authorizing a Public Hearing to Be Held Thereon

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes No: Councilman Laureys

Correspondence

There was no correspondence associated with this meeting.

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

The Mayor commented on Well #1. The Council will discuss this at another time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance & Insurance: E. Still J. Sylvester

For the month of April 2019 the Borough had a total income in the amount of \$1,75,084.33 as compared to April 2018 of \$1, 189,730.57.

For the month of April 2019:

Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated (MRNA):

In 2019 the Borough received \$3,786.35 compared to \$1,032.50 in 2018

Other Licenses/Borough Clerks Fees:

The Borough received \$20,041.14 compared to \$11,106.40 in 2018.

State Aid:

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

Grants in Aid:

The Borough didn't received any money in March 2019 for Grants in Aid as compared to \$37,500.00 in March 2018.

Taxes Collected:

The Borough collected \$1,151,256.84 in 2019 compared to \$1,140,091.67 in 2018.

Income Total Year to Date:

The Total Income Year to date for 2019 is \$3,646,876.44 as opposed to \$3,394,892.17 in 2018.

Economic Development: R. Hathaway E. Still

Mr. Blakeslee provided a brief description of the meeting with the Pocketbook Factory people that took place today. He noted that things seem to be complete. There are a few small details to be completed and then Mr. Guerin will write a letter to approve the drainage design.

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

Ambulance Corps

March 2019

Calls Answered: 51

Out Of Town Calls:0
Total Calls: 51
Trips To Hospitals: 6
Refused Care: 9
Total Hospital Trips: 30
Miles Travelled: 854 Miles
Hours Volunteered: 123 Hrs 42 Mins

Fire Department

Total Calls: 6
General Alarms: 5
Mutual Aid: 1
Drills: 9
Administrative Details: 3
Total Members: 35
Total Time Volunteered: 571 hours, 06 minutes

Police Department

Total Calls: 381

Dept. of Public

Works & Utilities: E. Koster R. Hathaway

Mr. Canfield and Mr. Hess provided an update on Well #1. Mr. Canfield gave the basic details on the problems that began on Sunday. Mr. Hess, water operator provided information regarding the issues that are still occurring. It is not yet known why the pump is not working properly. At this point they are not sure why the water is not coming into the pump casing properly. Mr. Canfield described the current static level and how this is at a good level at this time. They feel something may have collapsed in the aquifer. Mr. Hess gave a description on how the casing and pump works. Mr. Canfield said the only way to test this is to remove the pump and video the area. The Council feels this will need to be done. The Mayor asked who has more experience. Mr. Canfield explained both companies are reliable. The Mayor asked if we need to do water restrictions while the pump is being tested. Mr. Hess felt it will not be a problem at this time. The Mayor thanked Mr. Canfield and Mr. Hess for their time.

DPW Report:

Road Department:

Picked up 100 cy of leaves and grass, and 100 cy of brush Installed a new crosswalk sign and post on Kings Rd@Highland Ave Repaired a sink hole on Kings Rd Patched pot holes around town Painted a no parking area on McMullen St. ... Installed new No Parking signs on Bank St

Water Department:

Nutrition for 2 people: 22
Food Shopping: 62
of meals on Wheels: 14
Medical Appointments: 8
Other Appointments: 162
People using Services: 46
Cancels: 3
Denials: 0
Units: 351
Hours: 96.25

OLD BUSINESS

1. Insurance – Fire Department

Mr. Blakeslee provided details on the resolution. Councilman Still thanked Mr. Blakeslee for getting this done. Mr. Bucco asked if this was just done because Boonton has coverage for this.

Resolution 2019-55- to Authorize Certification of Liability Coverage for Netcong Borough Fire Companies Recreational Activities

A motion was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Sylvester to approve this resolution.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

New Business

No new business was presented.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL

Nothing was discussed at this time.

MAYORS COMMENTS

The work has started at Arbolino Park

The Mayor asked about St. Michaels having a special tribute. He wanted to check to see if they need to have approval from the Borough. The Council decided they do not need to get approval.

RESOLUTIONS voted by block

1. **Resolution 2019-52** – Authorizing the Acceptance of a Deed of Road Dedication from Progressive Properties, Inc. Across Block 8, Part of Lot 36 in the Borough of Netcong
2. **Resolution 2019-53** – Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement with the Township of Byram for the Furnishing of Construction Department Services in Accordance with the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1, et Seq. for a Term of Four Years Commencing September 1, 2019 and Terminating December 31, 2023
3. **Resolution 2019-54-** Authorizing the Appointment of the Borough's Municipal Court Judge with amendments

A motion was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Hathaway to approve the three resolutions noted above.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS

None were introduced.

REPORTS

A motion to Incorporate All Reports into the Minutes was made by Councilman Hathaway 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

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 9:06PM.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk