

BOROUGH OF NETCONG

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD JUNE 13, 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 this evening.

ANNUAL AUDIT

Resolution #2019-56 - Certification of the Annual Audit.

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

Resolution #2019-57 -To Approve the 2018 Corrective Action Plan.

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

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SID BUDGET

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes No: Councilman Laureys

Resolution #2019-58 - Authorizing the Adoption of the 2019 Budget of the Netcong Community Partnership Special Improvement District.

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes No: Councilman Laureys

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

ORDINANCE ADOPTIONS

No ordinances were presented

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter - Thank you from Rose (Francomacaro) Osiecki

The Mayor read the letter.

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Councilman Hathaway asked where we are at with the new cameras for the parks. The Police Chief provided several comments.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance & Insurance:

E. Still

J. Sylvester

Councilman Still read the report.

For the month of May 2019, the Borough had a total income in the amount of \$998,480.59 as compared to May 2018 of \$937,623.34.

For the month of May 2019:

Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated (MRNA):

In 2019 the Borough received \$2,152.50 compared to \$1,734.35 in 2018.

Other Licenses/Borough Clerks Fees:

The Borough received \$29,256.45 compared to \$25,213.25 in 2018.

State Aid:

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

Grants in Aid:

The Borough received \$6,841.83 in May 2019 for Grants in Aid as compared to nothing in May 2018.

Taxes Collected:

The Borough collected \$960,229.81 in 2019 compared to \$910,675.74 in 2018.

Income Total Year to Date:

The Total Income Year to date for 2019 is \$4,645,784.53 as compared to \$4,332,515.51 in 2018.

Economic Development: R. Hathaway E. Still

Councilman Hathaway offered that there was not much new to report:

Crown Point – should start in August Mr. Blakeslee gave several details on the latest information for this project.

Nothing new with Woodmont or Crown Walk - Councilman Hathaway gave some details on this project. Mr. Brice sitting in for Mr. Bucco said the PILOT is currently in review at his office.

ShopRite - not much going on with that project.

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

Fire Department

Total Calls: 11

General Alarms: 7

Mutual Aid: 4

Total Members: 35

Drills: 5

Total Members: 31

Administrative Details: 12

Total Members: 40

TOTAL MEMBERS:

Total Time Volunteered: 920 hours, 08 minutes

Fire Inspections

Total Field Hours Worked: 4

Total Administrative Hours Worked: 10

Comments: Bureau continued Liquor License inspections.

Police Department

Total Calls: 360

Motor Vehicle: 141

Councilman Sylvester provided a brief description of a new initiative being implemented. Patrolman Hardiman was recognized at a ceremony in Atlantic City for his work with the drug bust last year.

Dept. of Public

Works & Utilities:

E. Koster

R. Hathaway

Road Department: Picked up 44 cy of grass, 168 cy of brush, and 40 cy of leaves Roxbury performed annual town wide street sweeping repaired basin on Bank St Removed and cleaned winter equipment. .. Installed American flags on Main St and Maple AveInstalled do not block driveway signs on College Rd

Water Department: Install new water box at 10 Water St. .. Repaired a water break in the area of 8 Amendola Dr George Walters in to perform bi annual valve box cleaning in preparation for leak detection survey to be performed in June

Sewer Department: Received a demo of the new sewer jet that the Borough will be purchasing

Buildings & Grounds: Started spring clean-up of grounds and trained summer help lawn cutting employee ... New LED light installs at Borough Hall, DPW garage, and both Firehouses Planted and placed the self-watering flower pots throughout town

Parks & Recreation: Filled holes in for fence removal at Arbo Park tennis courts

Other: Picked up and returned message boards, barricades, and stage for the food truck festival. .. Well 1 started sucking air, received prices for inspection and repair. ... Finished the annual right to know survey Moved the weed harvester into the lake

Councilman Koster asked for a DPW meeting next week.

Recreation:

J. Albensi

T. Laureys

Councilman Albensi reported on the Netcong Food Showcase and Kids Day at the Park. Both events were successful. They had many activities for the kids. The face painter did 54 faces. McDonalds donated prizes for the chalk art and every child got a coupon for a free happy meal.

1. Restaurant Showcase - Our second Restaurant Showcase took place on Saturday 6/1 at the Growing Stage Theatre. We had 6 town Restaurants supporting our cause, entertainment by Billy's Garage Band, and a nice showing of guests. A special thanks to Highgrade beverage, Shop Rite of Netcong, and local businesses for their donations. \$270 went to each church food pantry and \$550 to The Growing Stage.
2. Our Kids Day In The Park took place on Saturday June 8th with a wonderful showing of children and parents. We had our annual sidewalk chalk contest, face painting, sand art, and entertainment by JoJo. A special thank you to McDonalds for their donations to the winners and a free happy meal for all who attended.

3. We will be heading to Come From Away for our next bus trip on Saturday Aug 3. We are working our next trip to Aint too Proud, the Journey of the Temptations which will take place on Saturday November 2nd.
4. Concerts in The Park begin Friday 6/28 with our first performance - Mike Rocket Duo - A Bruce Springsteen cover duo. Concerts will continue every Friday night through August 16th. Fourth of July will include a picnic at 5 and entertainment beginning at 6pm. Only one band this day.
5. Tai Chi is going strong each Saturday at DiRenzo Park with approximately 18 in attendance.
6. We will be working with the Municipal Alliance on 2 Movie Nights in the Park, one in August and one in September.

**Public Services:
(Human Services
Recycling & Solid
Waste Disposal**

T. Laureys

J. Albensi

Councilman Laureys read the Dial a Ride report

May, 2019

Days of service: 20

Miles: 856

of Stops: 72

Nutrition for 2: 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

No old business was presented.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL

Council President- nothing at this time.

Councilman Sylvester – fines for large trucks on Main St. is too small. Mr. Brice would have to check the statute to see if there are limitations for local roads. The Mayor suggested this need to be changed. The cost and time for our DPW to do repairs far exceeds the cost of the fines. Chief Blesson provided his opinion on this subject. It has been suggested the fine should be \$500.00 instead of the current 171.00. The Chief said GPS are sending these truckers into residential areas. Councilman Laureys asked if we occasionally check our fees to raise them to match inflation. Mr. Blakeslee said we have done so on occasion. There was continued discussion on this subject among the Council. Mr. Brice will do some research to see what the Borough can or cannot do. Chief Blesson provided more details.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

No comments from the Mayor at this time.

RESOLUTIONS

- 1. Resolution 2019-59** - Authorizing the Award of a Contract to Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. to Provide Construction Design and Construction Administration Services for the NJDOT Safe Routes to Schools Design Assistance Program (SRTS-2016-Netcong Borough).

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

- 2. Resolution 2019-60** - Approving Change Order No. 1 to the Contract with Roof Management, Inc. in the Amount of \$115,197.00 for Masonry Repair and Type IV Felt Installation (Vapor barrier) at the Borough's 251 Mountain Avenue Reservoir Facility

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

- 3. Resolution 2019-61**- 2019 Salary Resolution

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

- 4. Resolution 2019-62** - To Grant Renewal Liquor Licenses for 2019-2020

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes

Abstain: Councilman Sylvester

5. **Resolution 2019-63** - To Grant Renewal of Liquor License # 1428-44-008-003 for Quick Chek Food Stores and Directing the Borough Clerk to Issue Same.

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes Abstain: Councilman Sylvester

6. **Resolution 2019-64** - To Grant Renewal of Liquor License # 1428-33-009-005 for A'Nets Pub, LLC and Directing the Borough Clerk to Issue Same.

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes Abstain: Councilman Sylvester

7. **Resolution 2019-65**- Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Professional Services for the Borough Engineer.

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

8. **Resolution 2019-66** - Authorizing An Extension Of Time For Use Of Earned Vacation Time Beyond The Deadline Set In The Personnel Policy.

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes No: Councilman Laureys

9. **Resolution 2019-67** -To Hire John Goula as Class II Special Police Officer of the Netcong Police Department.

Councilman Sylvester commented the new officers are on the agenda tonight to get them into the academy.

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

10. **Resolution 2019-68** -To Hire Peter J. Zabita as Class II Special Police Officer of the Netcong Police Department.

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

11. **Resolution 2019-69** -To Redeem Tax Sale Certificate 18-00002 - 1 Carmine Dr.

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS

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 TRANSIENT FOOD AND DRINK MERCHANTS INCLUDING FOOD TRUCK VENDERS**

A Motion to Introduce Ordinance #2019 - 7- and Read by Title Only was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

A Motion to Pass Ordinance #2019 -7- on First Reading was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

2. **Ordinance 2019-13 – An Ordinance To Amend Chapter 54, Police Department, Article IV, Fees, Section 54-16, Fees, Paragraph F, Contracted Police Services, Subparagraph (3) Of The Code Of The Borough of Netcong, Morris County, New Jersey.**

A Motion to Introduce Ordinance #2019 -13 - and Read by Title Only was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Koster.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

A Motion to Pass Ordinance #2019 -13 on First Reading was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Koster.

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 Still and seconded by Councilman Koster.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

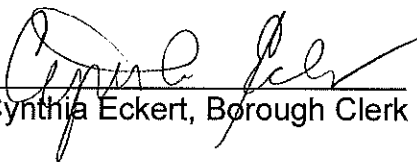
CLOSED SESSION

No closed session was held.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Sylvester at 8:02PM.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

Respectfully Submitted,



Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk