

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD MAY 2, 2013 AT THE NETCONG MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 23 MAPLE AVENUE, NETCONG, NEW JERSEY COMMENCING AT 7:30 P.M.

Mayor Nametko presiding.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL TO ORDER – STATEMENT OF OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT:

Mayor Nametko called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

The Borough Clerk read the following statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act:

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 Netcong Borough Hall on January 4, 2013.
2. Publishing a notice in The Daily Record, the official newspaper of the Borough of Netcong on January 9, 2013 and mailing a copy to The Star Ledger on January 4, 2013.

ROLL CALL

Members of the Borough Council present at roll call were: Laureys (arrived 7:34), Hathaway, Still, Butler, Koster and Mayor Nametko. Cindy Eckert, Borough Clerk and Ralph Blakeslee, Borough Administrator were also present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Agenda Meeting of April 4, 2013
- Regular Meeting of April 11, 2013

The Mayor asked the Council if they all had an opportunity to review the minutes and solicited comments or questions.

A Motion to Approve the Above Listed Minutes was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll call: 4 Yes Absent: Councilwoman Laureys and Councilman Sylvester

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SID BUDGET

This topic will be presented at the May 9th meeting.

Resolution #2013-52 – Authorizing the Adoption of the 2013 Budget of the Netcong Community Partnership Special Improvement District.

This resolution was carried to the May 9th meeting

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

Mr. Mike Obremski, 13 Ridge Point Road Dover, NJ, introduced himself as the new area manager for Netcong from Jersey Central Power and Light. He is a veteran of Council meetings since he served on the Randolph Council and has 26 years of experience at JCPL. He came to this meeting to introduce himself. The Council was very enthused by his appearance.

Mr. Pete Schroeder, 64 Canada Goose Drive, Alamuchy, NJ, wanted to discuss ordinance 2013-9 regarding residence location of firemen. The first question was whether the distance measured on the ordinance was 'as the crow flies,' or via roadway. He also wanted to know if this distance will cause loss of membership for the life members of the fire company who have moved out of range. The Mayor responded he did not feel that courtesies towards lifetime members would change. Councilman Hathaway suggested a possible solution by putting the different groups of firefighters in tiered engagement. He offered that the mileage restriction should only be imposed on active firefighters. Mr. Schroeder explained how the mileage restriction could affect him even though he works only 2.5 miles away. The Council continued discussion on this topic. The Mayor felt the additional information brought up by Mr. Schroeder was valuable. Mr. Blakeslee suggested that the ordinance be tabled until all of the "what if's" have been identified.

A Motion to close the meeting to the public was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Koster.

Roll call: 5 Yes

ORDINANCE ADOPTIONS

No ordinances were presented at this meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Lenape Valley Patriots Junior Lacrosse letter requesting permission for a camp out at Indian's Field on May 4th, 2013.

The Mayor read the letter. The Council members expressed concern regarding open fire pits and camping in an area that is not designated for camping. Many safety issues were discussed. It was unanimous that the response would be no at this time, with a request that future requests are received a month in advance.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Update on Staff Workload Assessment

Mr. Blakeslee plans to submit the report at the regular meeting. He included that workflows and job descriptions will be presented.

2. NJTPA Stakeholder Working Group – Bob Guerin Report

The Mayor provided a recap of Mr. Guerin's report, which he presented at the public works meeting. 12 people had attended this meeting. The drainage issue was discussed. Overall, Mr. Guerin did not feel there were major benefits for Netcong.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was presented at this meeting.

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Councilman Hathaway presented the following:

- He noted the research done by Cynthia Eckert regarding extension of liquor licenses. He brought up the possibility of extending the Quick Chek license to facilitate a beer garden on Netcong Day. The Council discussed the pros and cons of pursuing this.
- SID Ordinance – SID feels that changes need to be made to the ordinance regarding inclusion and exclusion in certain areas. These modifications could render \$1500 in legal fees. The SID was seeking the Council's approval. The Council discussed many different scenarios for the businesses in Netcong. They noted many inconsistencies.
- Councilman Hathaway wanted to know what the status was regarding the public parking issue on Main St. It was noted that the chief of police was looking into manpower required for the enforcement of changing the parking limit times to 1 or 2 hours. He brought up the benefits of going with metered parking and noted how that is done in Hackettstown. The Council discussed the parking situation and what is done in other towns.

MAYORS COMMENTS

The Mayor had no comments at this time.

RESOLUTIONS

1. **Resolution #2013-51** – Authorizing Tax Collector to Prepare and Mail Estimated Tax Bills in Accordance with P.L.1994, C. 72
Roll Call: 5

A motion was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway to approve resolution number 2013 – 51.

2. **Resolution #2013- 53** – Salary Resolution for 2013

This resolution will be carried to the May 9 meeting

3. **Resolution 2013-54** –A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Golub Animal Hospital for the Care of Cats and Dogs for the Calendar Year 2013.

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

4. **Resolution 2013-55** –Resolution Authorizing Award of Contract to JLM Consulting, Inc. for IT Computer Related Services.

A motion was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.
Roll call: 5 Yes

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS

1. **Ordinance 2013-7** – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 276, Water and Chapter 225, Property Maintenance, of the Code of the Borough of Netcong.

This ordinance will be carried to the May 9 meeting

2. **Bond Ordinance 2013-8** – A Bond Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition of New Additional or Replacement Equipment and Machinery and New Communication and Signal Systems Equipment in, by and for the Borough of Netcong

This ordinance will be carried to the May 9 meeting

3. **Ordinance 2013-9-** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 22, Fire Department of the Code of the Borough of Netcong

This ordinance has been tabled as noted during the public discussion.

CLOSED SESSION

There was no closed session at this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made by Councilman Still at 8:44 PM and was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk