

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD MAY 9, 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: Councilwoman Laureys, Councilman Hathaway, Councilman Sylvester, Councilman Still, Councilwoman Butler, Councilman Koster and Mayor Nametko. Also in attendance was borough administrator Ralph Blakeslee and borough clerk Cynthia Eckert.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

No minutes were presented at this meeting.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SID BUDGET**

The Mayor asked for a motion to close the public hearing on the Special Improvement District budget as no one stepped forward from the public.

A motion to close the public hearing on the budget was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.

Roll call: 5 yes      Abstain: Councilman Koster

**Resolution #2013-52** - Resolution to Approve the 2013 Budget of the Netcong Community Partnership Special Improvement District.

A motion to approve this resolution regarding the Special Improvement District was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilwoman Butler.  
Roll call: 5 yes      Abstain: Councilman Koster

**PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING**

Seeing no one in the audience wishing to address the Council, the Mayor asked for a motion to close.

A motion to close the public portion of the meeting was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Koster.  
Roll call: 6 yes

**ORDINANCE ADOPTIONS**

No ordinances were presented at this meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

No correspondence was presented at this meeting.

**BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

There were no questions related to the borough administrator report. Mr. Blakeslee wanted to let the Council know that he received a letter from the fourth grade teacher from Netcong School, Mrs. Dzurny. The Mayor and Council are invited to attend the fourth grade 'Gifted and Talented Presentation at Acorn Hall on May 29<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7:30 PM.

Ms. Cindy Eckert, Borough Clerk called Division of ABC about plans for a beer garden at Netcong Day. She learned that a distribution liquor license cannot be used to extend a license for a consumption event.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Finance & Insurance:                      E. Still                      J. Sylvester

In the month of **April** the Borough had total income in the amount of \$368,078.49 as compared to the previous year of \$450 545.79.

Year to Date for the month of April:

Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated (MRNA)  
\$2,011.03 in 2012 vs. \$1,082.00 in 2013

*Last year the Borough received \$900 in bid specification fees, would accounts, in part, for the difference between 2013 and 2012.*

Other Licenses:  
\$7,130.86 collected in 2012 vs. \$7,175.27 in 2013.

*Municipal court fees collected in March increased again by \$1,159.16.*

State Aid  
\$0/\$0

*State aid has not been set for 2013.*

Grants in Aid  
\$2,715.35 in 2012 vs. \$1,225.00 in 2013

*The Borough received \$1,225.00 to conduct Motor Vehicle Inspections.*

Taxes Collected  
\$438,593.55 in 2012 vs. \$358,461.22 in 2013.

Income Total Year to Date:  
\$2,414,515.25 in 2012 VS. \$2,356,218.15 in 2013.

Economic Development:        R. Hathaway        E. Still

Councilman Hathaway noted that the Pocketbook Factory meeting will be pushed to June. He also noted that Quick Chek has reported to Mr. Blakeslee that they will be moving forward with the renovations.

Councilman Hathaway discussed the following regarding the NCP:

**Media Relations**

- Feature story of the Annual meeting of NCP was front page this month in the Musconetcong News plus two other feature stories within the paper.
- Completed and posted All in the Icing spotlight and started the next business spotlight.
- In addition to the regular spotlight, Fanucci's and Fulton Bank have been worked on and are close to completion



- Unclogged a blocked sewer lateral at 3 Marc Ct. on the street side

Parks & Recreation:

- Opened Arbolino and DiRenzo parks on 4/15
- Sprayed all fence lines for weeds at Arbolino Park

Buildings & Grounds:

- Dug the trenches for the conduit and poured the concrete slab for the generator at the Borough garage
- Pressure washed graffiti from the Arbolino Park bathrooms
- Cleaned sand and salt from the brick pavers on Main St., Maple Ave and Ledgewood Ave. and sprayed for weeds
- Installed a new urinal in the boys bathroom at Arbolino Park and re-cemented the floor in the area of the urinal
- Cut grass at all Boro properties as needed

Recycling:

- Completed and submitted the 2012 Recycle Tonnage Report and the REA Tax Statement to the DEP as required
- Collected town recycles weekly
- Collected 3 loads of grass, 26 loads of leaves and 31 loads of brush from the residents in April

Training:

- (Canfield) line locating

Other:

- Assisted with planting 2 trees at Netcong School
- Put all plowing equipment in storage for the summer

Comments:

- 1 decorative light was struck by a vehicle on Maple Ave. We are working on obtaining the repair parts

Recreation:

P. Butler

C. Laureys

Councilwoman Butler reported the following for April:

1. The Annual Garage Sale took place this past Saturday with just over 20 homes participating
2. 911/Intrepid Bus Trip- We have 45 people now signed up for our 5/18th trip to the 911 Memorial and Intrepid Air/Sea/Space Museum. We were fortunate enough to have Mt. Olive Recreation send an email blast to 5000 residents resulting in an additional 10 signups for our trip.
3. Recreation has ordered a new banner that will be hung across Main Street and will include Concerts in the Park, Farmer's Market, Netcong Day & 5K race, and our contact info.
4. Junk In The Trunk- There is a lot of chatter in town about our upcoming Junk In The Trunk which will be held on 6/8 during opening day of the Farmers Market. As of today we have two registrations and expect quite a few more by our deadline date of June 1st.



Councilman Sylvester asked when Carolyn Way would be slated for repairs. The Council discussed road repairs that were required. They also discussed various options to fix the roads which include the possibility of shared services with nearby communities who had road building equipment. Hilltop Road and Railroad Avenue were brought up during this discussion.

Councilman Koster asked Wayne Anthony about the progress with FEMA. Mr. Anthony stated a meeting is set up for the following week.

### **MAYORS COMMENTS**

Fulton Bank is now charging \$5.00 to cash Borough paychecks if the holder does not have an account with Fulton. The Mayor spoke with Gloria Duran, Branch Assistant Manager, who explained anyone can open a free checking account for \$1.00 to avoid the \$5.00 charge. Fulton would be willing to come to Borough Hall to assist employees with opening accounts.

Mayor Nametko also stated he received a memo from the Redevelopment Council about a Cluster Housing Bill which was passed by the assembly. He asked Borough Attorney Anthony Bucco to explain. Mr. Bucco said the new legislation expands authorization for residential, non-residential and mixed use. It also allows for preservation of open space and farmland. Because Netcong is already quite developed this bill does not hold a huge impact for Netcong.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

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

Motion was made by Councilwoman Laureys and seconded By Councilman Still to approve the salary resolution for 2013.

Roll call: 6 yes

#### **2. Resolution # 2013-56 Tonnage Grant Application Resolution**

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

Roll call: 6 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.**

A Motion to Introduce Ordinance #2013-7 and Read by Title Only was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilwoman Butler.

Roll call: 6 yes

A Motion to Pass Ordinance #2013-7 on First Reading was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll call: 6 yes

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

A Motion to Introduce Bond Ordinance #2013-8 and Read by Title Only was made By Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.

Roll call: 6 yes

A Motion to Pass Bond Ordinance #2013-8 on First Reading Was Made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilwoman Butler.

Roll call: 6 yes

### **REPORTS**

A Motion to Incorporate All Reports into the Minutes was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilwoman Butler.

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

### **CLOSED SESSION**

There was no closed session at this meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A Motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made by Councilman Still at 8:11 PM and was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk