

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

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION #2013-59

To Recognize the Veterans of Foreign Wars Lakeland Post #2347

The Mayor thanked the veterans in attendance and read the Resolution.

A motion was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Hathaway to Pass Resolution 2013-59.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

PRESENTATION OF VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD TO WAYNE SWISTAK

The Mayor and Councilman Hathaway presented the award to Mr. Swistak.

REVIEW OF NETCONG SCHOOL BUDGET

Kevin Carroll, Superintendent and Bernadette Dalesandro, Board President came before the board and introduced themselves. Mr. Carroll provided a presentation regarding all the factors that went into the school budget. The presentation included use of shared resources from nearby communities. Mr. Carroll went into detail regarding improvement of the technology infrastructure at the school.

The Mayor asked about the eighty-eight thousand dollars coming from the state. He wanted to know if there was assurance that this funding will continue in future years. Mr. Carroll responded that he felt the governor supported this program so it would continue.

The Mayor asked about the line item "other items." Mr. Carroll explained that he included federal funding.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No minutes were presented at this meeting.

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 Sylvester
Roll call: 5 yes

ORDINANCE ADOPTIONS

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 Read by Title Only on Second Reading and a Hearing Held Thereon was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilwoman Butler.
Roll Call: 5 Yes

The Mayor asked if there were any questions or comments regarding this ordinance.

A Motion to Close Public Hearing was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilwoman Butler.
Roll Call: 5 Yes

A Motion to Adopt Ordinance #2013-7 Was Made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.

Roll Call: 5 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 Read by Title Only on Second Reading and a Hearing Held Thereon Was Made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilwoman Butler.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

The Mayor opened the meeting to the public for comments or questions. There were no comments or questions

A Motion to Close Public Hearing was made By Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

A Motion to Adopt Ordinance #2013-8 was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.

Roll Call: 5 yes

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 highlight that Fish Game and Wildlife will be in Netcong later this month to tag Canadian geese. Mr. Blakeslee noted that the town was on track regarding the firehouse timeline.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance & Insurance:

E. Still

J. Sylvester

In the month of **May** the Borough had total income in the amount of \$1,497,084.20 as compared to the previous year of \$1,374,209.29.

Year to Date:

Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated (MRNA)

\$1,824.19 received in 2012 compared to \$1,326.65 in 2013

Other Licenses:

\$8,664.43 in 2012 vs. \$7,773.82 in 2013

Interest on investments are down by \$454.02. Municipal court fees are up by \$648.41

State Aid

\$0/\$0

No state aid has been received to date.

Grants in Aid

\$4,935.57 in Clean Communities received in 2012. In May of 2013 the Borough received \$5,794.75 in Clean Communities funding.

Taxes Collected

\$1,353,411.01 were collected in May of 2012. In 2013 \$1,481,771.73 was collected during the month of May.

Income Total Year to Date:

\$3,788,724.54 in 2012 vs. \$3,853,302.35 in 2013.

An increase in total income of \$64,577.81.

Economic Development: R. Hathaway E. Still

Councilman Hathaway noted that there is still forward movement regarding the Pocketbook Factory. The owner met with public safety and will be meeting with the planning board soon. Mr. Blakeslee had discussed exterior planning with the Quick Chek people. Councilman Hathaway also noted that the Farmers Market was very successful.

Gina Thomas, director of the NCP, discussed the following regarding the NCP:

Media Relations- Feature story about the Farmers Market and the Health & Wellness story will be in the June edition of the Mustconetcong News. All have also been posted on social media and internet news sites. Three business spotlights for May and June will be Designs by Suzie-Q, Fulton Bank and Fanucci's. Working on a cooperative advertising promotion with Vince Baglivo (District Connect) and Joe Nicastro (Mustconetcong News).

Website- Continue to improve and enhance the website. Posted all media relations on the website. Plan to have the business directory up to date by end of June

Sign Grants- We approved two applications for sign grants for Rose's Place and Fanucci's

Facebook Page- We have 385 likes!! We had 116 visitors this month with 300 page views. Our new visitors were up 67.24%

Operations -

- We have done our spring planting.
- The Farmers market was kicked off this past weekend with great success. We had a dozen vendors as well as about 10 Junk in the Truck vendors.
- The 2011 & 2012 audits are underway. I met with the auditor this month and he feels good about both years. We should have a final report in our July meeting.
- Certified letters were sent to all the property owners in the SID notifying of the results of the annual meeting and next steps in the process. We have invited them to our July 2nd meeting.

The Mayor commented with regard to Ms. Thomas's mention of the audit. He noted that the auditor did not see any problems this year, which is a remarkable change from the previous 3 years.

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

Councilman Sylvester reported that for the month of May, the Ambulance Corps had 61 calls of which 3 were out of town. They treated a total of 40 patients and made 40 trips to the hospital. The miles traveled were 1047 miles and the hours volunteered were 243 hours. There were 0 assists.

The Netcong fire Department had 11 general alarms 5 mutual aid calls out of town. There were 3 meetings, 6 special details and 4 drills. The firemen volunteered 880.5 hours.

Councilman Sylvester reviewed the results from the safety meeting that was held with the Pocketbook Factory. Bob Guerin was satisfied with the results.

The Borough Police answered a total of 464 calls. They wrote a total of 215 motor vehicle summonses. There were also 6 local ordinances summonses.

Dept. of Public Works & Utilities: E. Koster R. Hathaway

It was noted by Councilman Koster that there was no report on file at this time.

Water Department:

Road Department:
Sewer Department:
Parks & Recreation:
Buildings & Grounds:
Recycling:
Training:
Other:
Comments:

There was some discussion regarding the recent Legion parade. The Mayor requested that a stop at the Memorial site would be in order for future parades of this nature.

Recreation: P. Butler C. Laureys

Councilwoman Butler reported the following for May:

1. On May 18th, 45 people attended our 911 Memorial/Intrepid bus trip. The day started with a tour of the 911 Memorial site and then ended at the Intrepid Air/Space/Sea Museum. Folks had plenty of time to view the aircrafts, watch a movie, and even take a walk in the submarine. For \$45 per head, it was money well spent.
2. On June 8th we sponsored our Junk in the Trunk at the Netcong Train Station and opening day of the Farmers Market. We had a total of 10 trunks in attendance. We are hoping to try this again in both July and August.
3. Our Summer Concert series begins next Friday, June 21 at DiRenzo Park from 7-9pm. Our first concert /community event will be on Friday June 28th which is our Kid's Nite in the Park. We will have music by Jo Jo, our annual Color in the park contest, a face painter, and games. In July we will sponsor our Christmas in July Cookie Contest and then in August we will hold our famous Chili Challenge.
4. We are also looking into a few more bus trips.

Public Services: C. Laureys P. Butler
(Human Services
Recycling & Solid
Waste Disposal)

Councilwoman Laureys reported the following for the month of May the:

Days of service: 19
Miles: 901
Number of stops: 77
Nutrition for 6 people: 54
Food shopping 19 people: 45
Number of Meals on Wheels: 17
Medical Appointments: 14

Other Appointments: 49
People Using Services: 48
Cancels: 35
Denials: 3
Units: 325
Hours: 101.25
Additional Notes:
1 new senior and 2 new disabled

OLD BUSINESS

1. Ordinance 2013-9 – Amending Chapter 22, Fire Department of the Code of the Borough of Netcong

The Mayor reviewed previous discussions regarding this ordinance. Councilman Sylvester recalled the main reason for this discussion was due to insurance coverage. Mr. Bucco explained the liabilities. Councilman Hathaway offered that the fire company should present a recommendation to the Council that takes the training issues and safety issues into consideration. The Council continued discussion on this topic. A member of the fire department stepped forward and reminded the Council that a committee was getting together, the bylaws would be reviewed and they could present to the Council.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Fireman Association Application** - Mahmoud Farag

This issue will be carried to the July 11 meeting. It was noted that the background check was not complete.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL

Councilman Still noted that one of the residents pointed out an issue with water and drainage due to a blocked pipe prior to the meeting. Mr. Blakeslee noted that this was a grading issue between the new drainage and the existing drainage systems. Councilman Hathaway believed that this issue was discussed back in October and a remediation plan was proposed. The Council expressed concern that action to fix the situation is not to be taken care of by the DOT. Mr. Blakeslee will put a letter together and send to all the appropriate officials to make sure action is taken before New Jersey transit and the DOT leaves the project.

Councilman Hathaway provided an update regarding the lake project. 100 tons of weeds were pulled from the lake in 4 days.

MAYORS COMMENTS

The Mayor noted he commented earlier in the meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

1. **Resolution #2013-58** – To Authorize the Sale of Municipal Surplus Property

A motion was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilwoman Butler.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

2. **Resolution 2013-60** – To Approve Liquor License Renewals for 2013-2014

A motion was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilwoman Butler.

Roll Call: 4 Yes Abstain: Councilman Sylvester

3. **Resolution 2013-61** – To Renew Quick Chek Liquor License for 2013-2014

A motion was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilwoman Butler.

Roll Call: 4 Yes Abstain: Councilman Sylvester

4. **Resolution 2013-62** – To Renew A' Nets Pub Liquor License for 2013-2014

A motion was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilwoman Butler.

Roll Call: 4 Yes Abstain: Councilman Sylvester

5. **Resolution 2013-63** – To Authorize a Public Display of Fireworks by the St. Cesario Society at Arbolino Park

A motion was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilwoman Butler.

Roll Call: 4 Yes Abstain: Councilman Sylvester

6. **Resolution 2013-64** – Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation- Clean Communities

A motion was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilwoman Butler.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

7. **Resolution 2013-65** – Supporting Click It or Ticket

Mr. Bucco noted some typos within the resolution.

A motion was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilwoman Butler.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS

No ordinances were presented at this meeting.

REPORTS

A Motion to Incorporate All Reports into the Minutes was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Still.,

Roll call: 5 yes

BILLS

A Motion to Pay All Bills When Funds are Available was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilwoman Butler.

Roll call: 5 yes

CLOSED SESSION

There was no closed session at this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made by Councilman Still at 9:04 PM, seconded by Councilwoman Butler and was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk