

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD AUGUST 8, 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

In attendance were Mayor Nametko, Councilmen Hathaway, Sylvester, Still and Koster. Councilwoman Butler arrived at 7:53 PM. Ralph Blakeslee, Borough Administrator, Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk and Anthony Bucco, Borough Attorney were also present.

Swear in Thomas Laureys as Councilman

Thomas Laureys was sworn in as a Councilman for Netcong Borough.

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

Mr. Charles Cedro – 6 Allen St. – wanted a status regarding where the Borough stands with water drainage issues. Mr. Blakeslee reported the actions, meetings and correspondence taken by the Borough to date. The Mayor also explained a permit is in progress with the DEP. The Council, Mr. Cedro and Mr. Bucco, Borough Attorney continued the discussion. It was noted that the “as built” drawings were not received yet. The Mayor noted he will be attending a meeting August 20th to discuss this issue.

A Motion to Close the Meeting to the Public was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Koster.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No minutes were presented at this meeting.

ORDINANCE ADOPTIONS

No ordinances were presented at this meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. E-mail from Diane Esposito- Permission from Mayor and Council for Kings Rd. Block Party Saturday, September 7th, 2013

The Mayor requested that the appropriate Borough Departments are notified of this event.

A motion was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Hathaway to grant permission for the Block Party.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

(For the record it was noted that Councilwoman Butler joined the meeting at 7:53PM.)

Mr. Blakeslee wanted to highlight the upcoming meeting of the Pocketbook Factory professionals scheduled for August 14. He also noted that a new pizza restaurant is coming to the former Pizza Express location. Mr. Blakeslee also noted that Mr. Olivo received a quote from a landscaping company regarding the flowerpots on Main St. and Maple Ave. as well as the areas around the welcome to Netcong signs and gazebo. The Council discussed the quote in detail. Mr. Blakeslee reported that the old dial a ride bus was re-auctioned and sold for \$3100. The Mayor asked about the water project and Mr. Blakeslee responded that a report from Mr. Guerin is pending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance & Insurance: E. Still J. Sylvester

Councilman Still reported in the month of July the Borough had total income in the amount of \$847,525.77 as compared to the previous year of \$550,815.02

Year to Date for the month of July:

Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated (MRNA)

\$1,240.70 in 2012 vs. \$1410.96 in 2013

Other Licenses:

\$9,097.48 collected in 2012 vs. \$10,178.73 in 2013.

State Aid:

\$9,477.00 received

Same as in 2012

Grants in Aid

No grant funds received in July of 2013. Last year \$4000.00 from Click It or Ticket and \$4,150.25 Drunk Driver Enforcement Fund grant programs were received in July.

Taxes Collected

\$826,294.80 in 2013 vs. \$522,579.59 in 2012.

Income Total Year to Date:

\$4,795,363.73 in 2013 VS. \$4,408,499.31 in 2012.

An increase in total income of \$386,864.42

Economic Development: R. Hathaway E. Still

Councilman Hathaway noted the Pocketbook Factory meeting is set for August 14 as noted earlier in the meeting. He asked Mr. Blakeslee about the status on the Quick Chek permits. Councilman Hathaway also reported that there were new handlers for the farmers market. He noted that everything is running smoothly and there were 180 attendees at the last farmers market.

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

Councilman Sylvester reported that for the month of July, the Ambulance Corps had 70 a call of which 1 was out of town. They treated a total of 43 patients and made 43 trips to the hospitals. The miles traveled were 1067.9 miles and the hours volunteered were 288 hours and 47 minutes. There were 0 assists provided.

The Netcong Fire Department had 7 general alarms. There were 4 meetings and 7 drills. 58 volunteer firemen provided 461.5 hours of service. The Borough Police wrote a total of 403 calls and issued 94 motor vehicle summonses. There were also 5 local ordinance summonses. They are anticipating receiving a grant for bulletproof vests.

As Dept. of Public
Works & Utilities:

E. Koster

R. Hathaway

Water Department:

18 main St. repaired a leak in their service where they had to remove the sidewalk and the proper permits were taken out. The sidewalk repair was not approved due to a tripping hazard but I am communicating with the property owner to resolve the situation--- Raised and lowered water / sewer boxes as needed for the construction on College Rd. and Stoll St. ---

Road Department:

Patched pot holes on Carmine Dr. and Railroad Ave.—Painted parking space lines on Main St. and Maple Ave. ---

Buildings & Grounds:

Prepped DiRenzo Park weekly for the concerts in the park---Cut grass weekly at all borough owned properties---Called in AS. Barlin for an annual inspection of the fire sprinkler system at Borough Hall and to change a defective 3" valve--- Weeded and cleaned up the plantings on Rt. 46 across from Shop Rite---

Recycling:

Collected 14 loads of grass and 3 loads of brush from the residents in July---Collected tires for recycling as requested byBorough Hall---

Training:

(Olivo) Hazard Communications, Fire Safety and Mower Safety---

Other:

Prepped all auction items for the Gov Deals auction---Painted the storage room at Arbolino park and installed shelving---Removed the American Flags from Main St. and Maple Ave. which will be reinstalled for Labor day---Watered flowers as needed throughout the town--- Picked up and returned lights, sign boards and barricades from the county as requested for the fireworks---

Vehicle Maintenance:

Changed the oil in the administrators car and took it through inspection---Installed new brakes on truck 575---

Comments:

On 7/28, 29 we experienced some flooding on McMullen St., it seems that the flow of water is restricted again in the open trench through the Family Ford property---

Councilman Koster noted that to date we have pumped 1,195,600 gallons less in 2013 than in 2012. He added that they hope the chipper arrives before fall. Councilman Sylvester asked about landscaping on Route 46.

Recreation:

P. Butler

T. Laureys

1. Our annual Chili Challenge will take place tomorrow night during the Concert in the Park. We have about 7 contestants thus far. Our Band is Thunder Hill.
2. We have moved the Kids Color in the Park contest to the last concert which will be Friday Aug, 23. Unfortunately the weather has not been on our side and we have had to cancel twice.
3. Netcong Day/5 K Race- T Shirts and ribbons have been ordered. Rec will also be selling hot pretzels during the day.
4. We are planning another Broadway Show bus trip, looking at Nov. 16th or 23rd. The show will be either Kinky Boots (Cyndi Lauper producer) or Wicked. More details to follow.
5. Great Wolf Lodge Trip will take place on Thursday Nov 7th. We are expecting to fill 2 buses.

The Mayor noted there was be a joint alliance event between the recreation department and the NCP. He noted it would be a band that performed on *America's Got Talent*.

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

T. Laureys

P. Butler

The dial a ride report was as follows for July 2013:

Days of Service: 13

Miles: 691

Number of Stops: 62

Nutrition for 8 People: 34

Food Shopping for 22 People: 45

Number of Meals on Wheels: 18

Medical Appointments: 8

Other appointments: 43
People Using Services: 47
Cancels: 27
Denials: 6
Units: 276
Hours: 86.25
Additional Notes: 2 new disabled and one new disabled senior

OLD BUSINESS

1. Water Infrastructure Improvement Update

There will be a report presented at the September Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was presented.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL

Council President Still was approached by two veterans who inquired as to when the veteran sign outside of Borough Hall will be updated with the latest conflicts and names of veterans who served. Mr. Blakeslee and Bob Olivo will be obtaining estimates for this.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

The Mayor reported that he met with the president and business administrator of The Growing Stage on Aug. 7th. The Growing Stage will now have Children's Theatre and Children's Movies. They also requested to have sidewalks and curbing in front of their building replaced, possibly with grant money. They asked the Council to at least consider the portion of the sidewalk. Possible grants: Transit Village, Community Development, Safe Routes to Transit. Anthony Bucco suggested County Open Space Fund-Historic Preservation. It was also suggested the Growing Stage apply for a grant instead of the Borough

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution #2013-75 – NJDOT No Passing Zone

This resolution moved to the September 5 meeting.

2. Resolution 2013-77 – Authorizing a Negotiated Contract for the Supply of Vehicle Fuel

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

3. **Resolution 2013-78** – Authorizing the Purchase of a Message Board with Radar

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

- #### 4. Resolution 2013-79 – Authorizing the Purchase of a Mobile Light Tower

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

5. **Resolution 2013-80** – To Appoint Alan Cook Recreation Commission Member

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

- 6. Resolution 2013-81 – To Approve Liquor License for Harris Holding, LLC**

A motion was made by Councilman Sylvester and Seconded by Councilman Still to approve this resolution.
Roll Call: 5 Yes Abstain: Councilman Sylvester

7. **Resolution 2013-82** – To Appoint Martha Soccio as Planning Board Secretary

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

- ## 8. Resolution 2013-83 -To Award Snow Plowing Contract for 2013-2014

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

- ## 9. Resolution 2013-84 – Authorizing the Purchase of a Wood Chipper

cats so they can be neutered and released. Mr. Bucco suggested the ordinance be altered to compensate for this.

A Motion to Pass Ordinance #2013-10 on First Reading with a minor change in wording was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Koster. Mr. Bucco will submit the changes to the Borough Clerk.

Roll Call: 5 Yes Abstain: Councilman Laureys

3. 3.Ordinance 2013-11- An Ordinance Amending Chapter 194, Land Development Procedures of the Code of the Borough of Netcong and Establishing a Minimum Acreage Size for the Keeping of Farm Animals.

Mr. Bucco questioned the three acre designation. The Council discussed various scenarios regarding this.

A Motion to Introduce Ordinance #2013-11 and Read by Title Only was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Still.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

After some discussion it was decided by the Council to table this resolution.

REPORTS

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

BILLS

A Motion to Pay All Bills When Funds are Available by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll	Call:	6	Yes
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CLOSED SESSION

There was no closed session at this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk