

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD SEPTEMBER 5, 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**

Those present for this evening's meeting were Councilman Laureys, Councilman Hathaway, Councilman Sylvester, Councilman Still, Councilwoman Butler, Councilman Koster, and Mayor Nametko. Also present were Mr. Blakeslee, Borough Administrator and Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Mayor asked if all members of the Council were able to review the following meeting minutes:

- Agenda Meeting of August 1, 2013
- Regular Meeting of August 8, 2013

Councilman Sylvester made a Motion to Approve the Above Listed Minutes.  
Councilwoman Butler seconded the motion.

Roll Call: 6 Yes, minutes of August 1, 2013

Roll Call: 5 Yes, minutes of August 8, 2013      Abstain: Councilman Hathaway

## **PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING**

The Mayor solicited for comments from the public. No one from the public stepped forward.

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

## **ORDINANCE ADOPTIONS**

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

This ordinance was carried to the September 12 meeting.

2. **Ordinance 2013-10** – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 105, Animals, Article II, Wildlife Feeding, of the Code of the Borough of Netcong

This ordinance was moved to the September 12 meeting.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Netcong Fire Company No. 1 – Fire Truck Presentation Follow-up Letter

The Mayor noted that all have received the letter. After some discussion and acknowledgment of a large fireman's convention later this month, it was decided to put this item on the Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> agenda for discussion and possible vote under old business.

2. Email from Megan Smith – Ban on Plastic Bags

The Mayor mentioned he was in support of this and noted there is legislation in the state to do the same. The Council determined Netcong would coincide with state action.

3. Courtnee Gallo – Netcong School

The letter was a request for a middle school in Netcong. The Mayor stated he would respond to this himself.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Water Infrastructure Improvement Update

Ralph is still waiting for a response from the structural engineer. The Mayor wanted to know if we have given them a timeline. Ralph will call on Friday to push the project along. This topic will be carried to the next meeting.

## 2. Veterans War Memorial

The Mayor read the conditions for eligibility to be noted on this memorial. It was noted there was some confusion about eligibility. The Council had an extensive discussion on what qualifies to have one's name on the Memorial. Mr. Blakeslee will query some of his peers. Meeting minutes from the past will be checked. The Mayor will also speak with former Councilman; James Arbolino to make sure the same protocol is followed from previous years.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business was presented at this meeting

### **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL**

#### **Councilman Sylvester**

- Councilman Sylvester expressed concern about the firehouse roof. Mr. Blakeslee replied that he has been in contact with Mr. Fox. The bids came in so high; he is splitting the project so quotes can be obtained. The Council agreed if nothing is done soon, they will need to find a new architect.
- He was also curious about the red street signs. Mr. Blakeslee stated that the different color received mixed reactions. The red signs were removed and replaced with green.

#### **Councilman Hathaway**

- EDC meeting- good meeting with professionals for the Pocketbook Factory.
- Netcong day is this Sunday and the NCP is ready for it. There are a record number of vendors.
- NCP Director has tried to contact Tony Bucco via email about Ordinance and Bylaws. Mr. Blakeslee noted that Mr. Bucco was away last week and he will contact him shortly.
- Charlie Cedro approached Councilman Hathaway and asked if there has been any response to letters written by Mr. Bucco to the state. Mr. Blakeslee emailed Mr. Bucco who said he has had no response from the state.

#### **Councilman Koster**

- Resident reported they had an incident which required a response from the DPW. They were very pleased with the courteous and prompt service provided by the DPW representative.

- Councilman Koster was interested in honoring Mary Pierson, 92, for her years of service to the borough. He felt he could get some time frames and dates of her accomplishments to build a resolution from the legislators and borough.

### **MAYORS COMMENTS**

- The Mayor expressed concern about the Retention Pond by Shop Rite. It is filling up with silt which is almost to the top of the drain pipe.
- The road in front of Family Ford is like a washboard. Per Mr. Blakeslee, the road project manager said it is out of the scope of the project. If they have enough pavement material left they will fix it. The Council continued discussion regarding the road project.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

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

A Motion Was Made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Koster to approve this resolution.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

#### **2. Resolution #2013-88 – To Authorize Amendment to the 2013 Capital Budget**

This resolution will be carried to the September 12 meeting.

#### **3. Resolution 2013- 89 – To Refund Tax Overpayment – United Telephone Co. of NJ**

This resolution was carried to the September 12 meeting.

#### **4. Resolution 2013- 90 – To Authorize the Purchase on State Contract a Thermal Imaging Camera with Associated Equipment for the Netcong Fire Department**

This resolution was carried to the September 12 meeting.

#### **5. Resolution 2013-91 – To Authorize the Purchase of a Motorola Astro Radio & Antenna for the Netcong Fire Department**

This resolution was also carried to the September 12 meeting

### **ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS**

- 1. 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

This ordinance will be carried to the September 12 meeting.

2. **Bond Ordinance 2013-12** – To Authorize the Making of Various Public Improvements in, by and for the Borough of Netcong

This will be moved to the September 12 meeting

3. **Bond Ordinance 2013-13** – To Authorize the Acquisition and Installation of Water Meter Upgrade Equipment in, by and for the Water Utility of the Borough of Netcong

This was carried to the September 12 meeting.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

There were no topics for closed session during this meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was Made by Councilman Still and carried by unanimous voice vote at 8:12 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk