

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD SEPTEMBER 12, 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 at the meeting were Councilman Laureys, Councilman Hathaway, Councilman Sylvester, Councilman Still, Councilwoman Butler and Mayor Nametko. Also present were the Borough Administrator, Ralph Blakeslee, Borough Attorney, Mr. Bucco and the Borough Clerk, Cynthia Eckert.

The Mayor called for a moment of silence in memoriam and honor of those that lost their lives on September 11, 2001.

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

The Mayor opened the meeting to the public and requested that their presentation be 5 minutes or less.

Mr. James Arbolino stepped forward in response to a request at the last meeting to get his recollection of the Veterans Monument. He confirmed that the monument lists all veterans that were born in Netcong. Councilman Hathaway asked how the names were collected. Mr. Arbolino replied that initially the request came through the newspapers. At one point, a letter went out to the entire community. This included any veteran who served their country, whether it

was during wartime or not. The Mayor requested that this information will be memorialized on a document. Mr. Joe DiLorenza was credited with a great deal of work that was done for this project.

Mr. Charles Cedro, 6 Allen St., Netcong requested his monthly update for Mr. Bucco. Mr. Bucco reported he had good news. He noted he received no response to his regular mail so he sent the letters certified and got a response from the Department of Transportation. The Assistant Commissioner was away with an injury and would be back next week to respond to letter. Mr. Bucco continued that he got a call from New Jersey Transit who stated that they did receive the certified letter. This representative stated that the DOT was taking responsibility and would correct the matter. Mr. Bucco challenged that comment and the representative stated he would set up a meeting with Ralph and possibly Mr. Olivo from DPW. Mr. Cedro was not terribly pleased with this information. Mr. Olivo stepped up to provide clarification on the pipes that needed action. The Council, Mr. Cedro and Mr. Olivo continued to discuss what pipes needed action and what type of action was required. Councilman Hathaway asked what an acceptable time frame would be for a situation like this. Mr. Bucco is going to call and get an end date. Councilwoman Butler reminded the Council of an additional issue regarding the roads near these pipes. Mr. Blakeslee will set up a meeting to have New Jersey transit come down and review the situation with Mr. Blakeslee and Mr. Olivo. Mr. Cedro offered to allow a two-week grace period. Mr. Bucco took Mr. Cedro's phone number and will keep in touch with them.

Mr. Wayne Anthony, 24 Dell Ave., wished to congratulate everyone who worked on Netcong Day. He felt the whole day went very well. He recommended that next year they have the Girl Scouts or the Boy Scouts collect the water cups during the race as the cups all blew into his yard.

A Motion to Close the Meeting to the Public was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.
Roll Call: 5 Yes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No minutes were presented at this meeting

ORDINANCE ADOPTIONS

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

Councilwoman Butler requested an additional explanation of this ordinance which was provided by Mr. Bucco. Councilman Hathaway expressed concern for any ruling that added a hindrance to volunteerism in Netcong. The Council discussed all the reviews that went into this particular ordinance.

A Motion to Read Ordinance 2013-9 by Title Only on Second Reading and a Hearing Held Thereon was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Still.

Roll Call: 4 Yes Abstain: Councilman Laureys

The Mayor opened the meeting for comments from the public.

Mr. Wayne Anthony of 24 Dell Ave. asked about special situations that were affected by this ruling. Councilman Sylvester clarified the situation with his perspective of how and why the ruling was composed. The other Council members chimed in.

A Motion to Close Public Hearing was made by Councilwoman Butler and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 4 Yes Abstain: Councilman Laureys

A Motion to Adopt Ordinance #2013-9 Was Made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 4 Yes Abstain: Councilman Laureys

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

A Motion to Read Ordinance 2013-10 by Title Only on Second Reading and a Hearing Held Thereon by Councilwoman Butler and seconded By Councilman Still.

Roll Call: 4 Yes No: Councilman Laureys

The Mayor opened the meeting to the public seeing no one stepping forward the Mayor requested a motion to close.

A Motion to Close the Public Hearing was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilwoman Butler.

Roll Call: 4 Yes No: Councilman Laureys

A Motion to Adopt Ordinance #2013-10 Was Made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.

Roll Call: 4 Yes No: Councilman Laureys

CORRESPONDENCE

1. New Jersey Natural Gas

The Mayor explained the letter as being similar to the electric company where the County receives notice if someone's natural gas was shut down. The Council

discussed the ramifications. There were no objections from the Council to receive this information.

2. Anthony Bucco – Follow-up Letter to Anthony Antanassio – NJDOT – Route 46 Circle Project

The Mayor noted that this issue was discussed earlier.

3. Anthony Bucco – Follow-up Letter to Richard Boornazian – NJDEP – Swirl Chamber

The Mayor noted that this letter was discussed earlier.

4. Anthony Bucco – Follow-up Letter to John DelColle – New Jersey Transit – Hilts Lane Drainage

It was noted that this letter was discussed during public session.

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

The Mayor asked if the Council had time to review this report.

Mr. Blakeslee wanted to highlight the following:

- Bob Olivo and Ralph attended the quarterly recycle meeting this week. He reported that the information provided was very good.
- Mr. Blakeslee also attended a meeting regarding damages caused by hurricane Sandy.
- Lake Musconetcong Community Association requested an extension for the use of Borough Hall for their meetings.

Councilman Hathaway made a motion to extend the use of the Borough Hall for the Association meetings to the end of 2013 and make it part of the reorganization meeting for next year. The Motion Was Seconded by Councilman Still.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance & Insurance:

E. Still

J. Sylvester

In the month of **August** the Borough had total income in the amount of \$1,312,502.09 as compared to the previous year of \$1,495,129.98.

Year to Date for the month of August:

Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated (MRNA) \$4,306.80 received in 2012 compared to \$3,706.43 in 2013

Other Licenses:

\$7,136.72 in 2012 vs. \$9,514.92 in 2013

Borough received its share of the OEM salary from Stanhope Borough.

State Aid

CMPTRA and Energy Receipts received in the amount of \$176,357.50. Twenty (\$.20) cents less than last year.

Grants in Aid

2013 Fire Safety Aid received in the amount of \$960.15.

Taxes Collected

Taxes collected in August of 2013 were \$1,121,809.09 as compared to \$1,307,283.76 collect in August of 2012.

Income Total Year to Date:

Total year to date revenues collect is \$6,107,865.82 as opposed to \$5,903,629.29 collected in 2012.

An increase of total income of \$204,236.53

Economic Development:

R. Hathaway

E. Still

Councilman Hathaway provided the following NCP report for the August 2013 monthly activities:

Media Relations- Automotive feature story to be published in September- will have quotes from Approved Auto & Truck Repair, Motion Auto Body, Netcong Auto Restoration, and Family Ford. Working on a co-op ad for the winter holiday time with Musconetcong News. Media blast for Netcong Day.

Website -Two business spotlights approved: Fulton Bank and Approved Auto & Truck Repair

Facebook Page- We have 406 likes!! We have 118 visits to the Facebook page with 284 page views! People are talking about us is up 13.33%

Operations- Working with Quick Chek on some initiatives, the most recent was Netcong Day. They allowed us to use their parking lot and it was very successful. We have been talking with Family Ford and will be partnering over the next year and continue to reach out to businesses within the downtown to work more collaboratively. The intern is working on the directory.

Councilman Hathaway expressed accolades to all regarding how well Netcong Day was run. He felt the volunteerism provided for this effort was amazing.

He noted that The Pocketbook Factory is moving forward.

**Public Safety:
(Police, Fire, Rescue)**

J. Sylvester

E. Koster

For the month of August, the ambulance Corps took a total of 71 calls with 2 of them being out of town. They handled a total of 36 patients and took a total of 36 trips. The total miles traveled was 839 in the total hours volunteered was 219 hours and 58 minutes. There were no assists provided by the Police and Fire Departments.

For the month of August, the Netcong fire Department had 8 alarms, 10 drills and 3 meetings. 55 volunteer firefighters provided a total of 628.5 hours of their time.

The Netcong Police Department answered a total of 426 calls. There were 127 motor vehicle summons issued. There were 3 local ordinances summonses issued.

**Dept. of Public
Works & Utilities:**

E. Koster

R. Hathaway

Water Department:

Read water meters---Cut overgrown brush around the reservoir---Took final water readings as requested by Town Hall---Repaired a 3/4" water service leak at 12 Togno St.

Road Department: Vacuumed Main St. and Maple Ave weekly---Painted crosswalks and stop lines throughout the town as needed

Sewer Department: Unclogged a blocked sewer lateral at 53-55 Allen St on the Borough's side

Buildings & Grounds: Cut grass at all borough properties weekly---Replaced light bulbs in Town Hall and the Police Dept. as needed---Installed mulch at Indians field in the area of the old fence---Sprayed for weeds as needed

Recycling: Collected 18 loads of grass and 6 loads of brush from the residents in August---Our new book bin at the recycle center is doing great, in August we received our first check in the amount of \$113.15.

Other: Replaced the ball joints on truck 573---Assisted with Netcong Day as needed---Assisted with the gov deals auction as needed---Replaced brakes and rotors on one police vehicle---Reinstalled the American flags on main St. and Maple Ave for Labor day---Installed emergency lighting on the skid steer

Comments: One DPW employee was injured in August while cutting brush but no time was missed from work

Recreation:

P. Butler

T. Laureys

Councilwoman Butler wanted to thank staff, police, and everyone for all the great work that made Netcong Day so special.

There will be a welcome back to school dance this week. Many committees are involved.

There will be the Trunk or Treat this Halloween.

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

The dial a ride monthly report for August:

Days of Service: 20
Miles: 1013
Number of Stops: 91
Nutrition for 6 People: 51
Food Shopping for 21 People: 42
Number of Meals On Wheels: 18
Medical Appointments: 19
Other Appointments: 65
People Using Services: 47
Cancels: 22
Denials: 14
Units: 358
Hours: 108.25
Additional Notes:
 2 new disabled and one new senior

OLD BUSINESS

1. Water Infrastructure Improvement Update

Mr. Blakeslee provided a report to everyone which included Mr. Guerin's draft. There will be a review by the public works committee, and then the finance committee. The Mayor requested to be part of these meetings. He noted a habit of the estimates being off by up to 25%.

2. Veterans War Memorial

Mr. Blakeslee stated he would develop a resolution and send it to Mr. Bucco before the next meeting. The Mayor requested that this be reviewed by the Counsel first.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was presented at this meeting.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL

Councilman Hathaway asked about SID Ordinance. Mr. Bucco said he is working on it. He noted the process would be to introduce it in October or November and then pass it in December.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

The Mayor noted that the people that pulled off a great Netcong Day also were the ones who were there for hurricane Sandy rescue. Great employees and volunteers made Netcong Day very successful. One take away-next year is to make sure the train is not coming through town during the race.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution #2013- 88 - To Authorize Amendment to the 2013 Capital Budget

A motion was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.
Roll Call: 5 Yes

2. Resolution 2013- 89 -To Refund Tax Overpayment – United Telephone Co. of NJ

A motion was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.
Roll Call: 5 Yes

3. Resolution 2013- 90 - Authorizing the Purchase of a Thermal Imaging Camera with Associated Equipment under State Contract for Use by the Netcong Fire Department

A motion was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.
Roll Call: 5 Yes

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

A motion was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.
Roll Call: 5 Yes

5. Resolution 2013- 92 - Approval to Submit a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Church Street Improvement Project

A motion was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

6. **Resolution 2013-93**- Approval to Submit a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Center Street and Cross Street Sidewalk Project

A motion was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.
Roll Call: 5 Yes

7. **Resolution 2013-94** - Approval to Submit a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Ledgewood Avenue Streetscape Improvement – Phase II Project

A motion was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.
Roll Call: 5 Yes

8. **Resolution 2013- 95** – Approval to Submit a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Railroad Avenue and Marc Court Improvement Project

A motion was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.
Roll Call: 5 Yes

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

A Motion to Introduce Ordinance #2013-11 and Read by Title Only was made by Councilwoman Butler and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.
Roll Call: 4 Yes No: Councilman Laureys

A Motion to Pass Ordinance #2013-11 on First Reading Was Made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilwoman Butler.
Roll Call: 4 Yes No: Councilman Laureys

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

A Motion to Introduce Bond Ordinance #2013-12 and Read by Title Only Was Made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.
Roll Call: 5 Yes

A Motion to Pass Bond Ordinance #2013-12 on First Reading was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.
Roll Call: 5 Yes

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

A Motion to Introduce Ordinance #2013-13 and Read by Title Only Was Made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.
Roll Call: 5 Yes

A Motion to Pass Ordinance #2013-13 on First Reading Was Made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.
Roll Call: 5 Yes

REPORTS

A Motion to Incorporate All Reports into the Minutes was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.
Roll Call: 5 Yes

BILLS

A Motion to Pay All Bills When Funds are Available Was Made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.
Roll That: 5 Yes

CLOSED SESSION

No closed session was held at this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made by Councilman Still at 9:01 PM and was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk