

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD NOVEMBER 6, 2013 AT THE NETCONG MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 23 MAPLE AVENUE, NETCONG, NEW JERSEY COMMENCING AT 7:00 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 7:00 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 October 28, 2013.
2. Publishing a notice in The Daily Record, the official newspaper of the Borough of Netcong on October 30, 2013.

**ROLL CALL**

Members of the Council present for this special meeting were Councilman Laureys, Councilman Hathaway, Councilman Sylvester, Councilman Still, Councilwoman Butler and Mayor Nametko. Also present were Mr. Blakeslee and Mrs. Eckert.

**MAYOR'S OPENING REMARKS**

The Mayor wished to thank everyone for being able to attend this meeting on such short notice. He provided the background of events that led up to this meeting. He noted he had many questions that he hoped this task force would answer. The Mayor recounted his search for objective borough members for this committee. The Mayor outlined the mission for this task force as well as the subcommittees of this task force.

The Council members expressed their anticipation of moving forward with this project. The topic of consolidation was discussed. There were many questions and comments regarding which parties were most appropriate for the various subcommittees. Councilman Hathaway noted that it might be possible for the same people to serve in multiple committees because the committees seem to go into phase order. The equipment and vehicles subcommittee would probably be phase 1, buildings and grounds phase 2 and finance phase 3. Also discussed, were how to determine what reasonable time frames for completion of all the tasks related to this objective.

## **TASK FORCE OBJECTIVE**

Mission: To assess and determine proper equipment and facilities needed to provide fire protection services to the residents of the Borough of Netcong

### **Equipment and vehicles subcommittee:**

Mission: to inventory, assess and recommend the number and type of vehicles and related equipment to provide fire protection services to the community. To recommend disposition of any equipment deemed as fulfilling its mission due to life of service, compliance standards and/or cost of maintenance.

### **Buildings and grounds subcommittee:**

Mission: to prepare a plan for the most cost efficient use of borough property dedicated to fire protection services. This includes possible consolidation of fire houses and related costs and benefits to consolidation.

### **Finance subcommittee:**

Mission: to review and project long-term operating and capital expenses, sources of funding and methods of achieving cost reductions.

### **Governance and administration subcommittee:**

Mission: to review bylaws, charters and borough ordinances that direct and govern the fire department.

## **SUB COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

The Council and the audience spent a considerable amount of time determining the best members for this project.

3 Members from Fire Company #1  
3 Members from Fire Company #2  
3 Members from the Borough Council

Names of Fire Members for Committee

Don Arbolino  
Sean Bates  
Pat Kunkel  
Mike Pellek  
Frank Schomp  
Pete Schroeder  
Jack Sylvester

Names of Council Members for Committee

Patricia Butler  
Edward Koster  
Jack Sylvester Sr.

### **DEADLINE FOR SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS**

First progress report and review of equipment and vehicles will occur at a Special meeting to be held January 16<sup>th</sup> 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The Mayor opened the meeting to the public.

There was no comment from the public at this time.


A Motion to close public portion of meeting was made by Councilman Sylvester and Seconded by Councilman Still.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A Motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made by Councilman Still at 8:13 PM and was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk