MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD APRIL 2, 2015 AT THE NETCONG MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 23 MAPLE AVENUE, NETCONG, NEW JERSEY COMMENCING AT 7:30 P.M.

Mayor Nametko called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### STATEMENT OF OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

The Borough Clerk read the following statement:

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 Borough Hall on January 2, 2015.
- 2. Publishing a notice in the Daily Record, the official newspaper of the Borough of Netcong on January 7, 2015 and mailing a copy to The Star Ledger on January 2, 2015.

#### ROLL CALL

Those in attendance were Councilwoman Butler, Councilman Hathaway, Councilman Koster, Councilman Still, Councilman Sylvester and Mayor Nametko. Also present was Mr. Blakeslee, Borough Administrator and Mrs. Eckert, Borough Clerk.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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A motion was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Still to approve the above mentioned minutes.

Roll Call: 4 Yes Abstain: Councilwoman Butler

## PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SID COST ESTIMATE

This topic was carried to the April 9 meeting.

#### **PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING**

The Mayor opened the meeting to the public for comment.

 Charles Cedro – 6 Allen St. – requested an update on the meeting that occurred with the DEP this week. Mayor Nametko stated it was the best meeting they have had with the DEP. The DEP acknowledged and provided advice regarding flood situations for Netcong. This acknowledgment may allow the DEP to block that area.

Councilman Hathaway noted how this meeting was very different from a similar meeting held 2 years ago. He felt the presence of the developer and the understanding of how to move forward while considering the town and DEP's concern with flood conditions will help rectify the situation. A conference call is scheduled for Tuesday for all parties to continue this discussion regarding remediation.

Mr. Cedro thanked the Council for their efforts.

- Wayne Anthony 24 Dell Ave. asked 2 questions:
  - Are we on target for the goose situation?
     Mr. Blakeslee confirmed this is the case; the dates are already set for this.
  - Is the budget available for public inspection?
     The Council offered that the budget is already available on the counter in the office.

A motion was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Sylvester to close the meeting to the public.
Roll Call: 5 Yes

#### ORDINANCE ADOPTIONS

1. **Ordinance 2015-4** - An Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank

This ordinance will be carried to the April 9 meeting.

# PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF THE 2015 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Resolution 2015 – 40 to Read the 2015 Budget by Title Only

This was carried to the April 9 meeting.

Resolution 2015 – 41 to Adopt the 2015 Budget

This was also carried to the April 9 meeting

## <u>CORRESPONDENCE</u>

- 1. Mt. Olive Township Health Officer Frank Wilpert Retirement Letter
- 2. Anthony Bucco's letter reporting the plans for Sidewalk Repairs on Stoll St. and College Rd. Mr. Bucco asked for an escrow be put in place to cover the cost until the work is completed.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business was presented at this meeting.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Don Jose Restaurant - Petition to Extend Licensed Premises - Cinco DeMayo

A motion was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Sylvester to approve the petition.

Roll Call: 4 Yes Abstain: Councilman Sylvester

## PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL

Council President Still read a letter from the Department of Transportation awarding grant money for 2 projects.

## **MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Mayor Nametko had no comments at this time.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

1. Resolution #2015-42 - Certification of the Annual Audit.

This resolution was carried to the April 9 meeting.

2. Resolution #2015-43 -To Approve the 2010 Corrective Action Plan.

This resolution was carried to the April 9 meeting.

3. Resolution 2015-44 – Emergency Communications Policy

This resolution was carried to the April 9 meeting.

## **PROCLAMATIONS**

April is National Autism and Acceptance Awareness Month

Mayor Nametko read the proclamation.

## **ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS**

No ordinances were introduced at this meeting.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

There was no closed session at this meeting.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

A Motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made at 7:49 PM by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Still. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia Eckert, Børough Clerk