

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD MARCH 2, 2017 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 P.M.

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 6, 2017.
2. Publishing a notice in the Daily Record, the official newspaper of the Borough of Netcong on January 11, 2017 and mailing a copy to The Star Ledger on January 6, 2017.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Agenda Meeting – February 2, 2017
- Regular Meeting – February 9, 2017

A motion to approve the minutes referenced above was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Koster.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

Robert and Max Hathaway – 18 Dell Ave: Both requested if the Mayor and Council would help support Netcong School by purchasing a 50/50 or dinner ticket for the St. Patrick's Day Dinner which will take place on Saturday March 4th at the Knights of Columbus.

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SID ASSESSMENTS

This hearing was carried to the March 9th meeting.

Resolution #2017-39 - Resolution Approving the Property Assessments for the Netcong Community Partnership Special Improvement District of the Borough of Netcong

This resolution was carried to the March 9th meeting.

ORDINANCE ADOPTIONS

1. Ordinance 2017-2 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE POLICE CHIEF TO EXECUTE AN APPLICATION FOR A CHARITABLE SOLICITATION PERMIT FOR AMERICAN LEGION AMBULANCE CORP OF STANHOPE/NETCONG'S "COIN DROP" ON JUNE 9TH, JUNE 10TH 2017 AND ON SEPTEMBER 8TH, AND SEPTEMBER 9th, 2017 AT THE INTERSECTIONS OF ALLEN STREET AND LEDGEWOOD AVENUE AND MAIN STREET AND ROUTE 46 IN THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

This ordinance was carried to the March 9th meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Lake Musconetcong Regional Planning Board – 2016 Annual Report

The Mayor asks if everyone has seen the report. He expressed concern regarding the effort involved. Councilman Hathaway reported that there will be a meeting with Senator Oroho and Mr. Bucco next month. He explained we need help from the state to do the herbicide treatments. The herbicide will only be applied by the park frontages. He said it will be a challenging year because Lake Musconetcong is part of the Hopatcong State Park but receives no money for care of the lake. This is a political argument right now. He continued by providing details of the situation.

The Mayor felt that part of the problem is that the two separate groups taking care of the lake do not communicate (The Lake Board and the Homeowners Association). He provided an overview of the two groups and their different approaches. The Mayor is working on getting the two groups together which is challenging but will render a cohesive solution.

Councilman Hathaway continued to explain they are working with the senators and assemblyman to work on additional issues and solutions. He agreed with the Mayor that a cooperative effort is important.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was presented

NEW BUSINESS

1. 2017 Budget Discussion

The Mayor noted that this process went fairly well. Councilman Still agreed. He reported that the increase is only about 2 cents per \$100.00. There was discussion about hiring another police officer but it was agreed this would cost too much at this time. When more money comes in it will be considered. Capital improvements are minimal this year.

Mr. Blakeslee reads the particulars regarding the Capital Budget.

The Mayor was made aware of one other item. The senior citizen group asked if there was a possibility of an increase since they have not received one in years. He feels this is long overdue. Councilman Hathaway explains this is due to a hardship.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL

Councilman Hathaway reported that he has tickets to sell.

MAYORS COMMENTS

The Mayor received a letter from the County Clerk in reference to the Cissy Laureys award, asking him to provide a recommendation for someone who has provided a lot of support to the citizens of the town. He has called Ms. Grossi to see if a Borough Employee could be considered. He also requested that the Council give this some consideration.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution 2017-36 – Safe Corridor Grant

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes

2. Resolution 2017-37 – Authorizing the Settlement of the 2016 Tax Appeal Entitled Robson, Elizabeth A., Involving Block 40, Lot 6, Located at 8 Helen Way

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes

3. Resolution 2017-38 – To Hire Henry Shubert as Alternate Crossing Guard

A motion was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

PROCLAMATIONS

There were no proclamations.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS

1. **Ordinance 2017-3 - To Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank**

This ordinance was carried to the March 9th meeting.

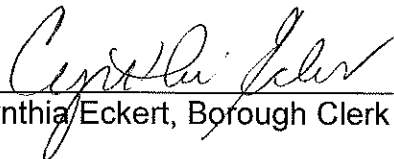
CLOSED SESSION

There was no closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made by Councilman Still at 7:51PM seconded by Councilman Hathaway and was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk