

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD APRIL 6, 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 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 – March 2, 2017
- Regular Meeting – March 9, 2017
- Closed Session Minutes – December 8, 2016

A Motion to Approve the Above Listed Minutes was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.

Roll Call: 4 Yes

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

Mr. Wayne Anthony, 24 Dell Ave.: Discussed a water issue on the corner of Water Street and Dell Ave. He passes his phone around to the Council so they can see a picture of what he is concerned about. The water is spilling over the curb by his house. There is garbage including hypodermic needles in it. It has been like this for about 10 years but now it is getting much worse. The Mayor requested a copy of the picture be sent to Mr. Blakeslee. Mr. Anthony says the drain appears to be collapsed. He is concerned this water will be in his house. He is also concerned about the needles lying around since children are walking in this area. There is also concern that the needles might be going into the lake.

Mr. Anthony has also witnessed apparent drug deals happening on his street. The Mayor asked if he has approached the police on this matter. Mr. Anthony said he has and his priority is the needles and clogged storm drain.

Councilman Still noted that once the drain is fixed these needles will be going in the lake on a regular basis. The Mayor feels maybe we can put a filter in the drain to collect the needles to keep them from coming into the lake. Councilman Hathaway expressed concern about the debris in this area and the delinquent kids throwing things in this drain. He feels this will require much attention to alleviate the possible drug problem. Mr. Anthony says the biggest concern is keeping the needles from being dumped in the drain and the drain will be unclogged.

The Borough Administrator will discuss these topics with the Chief of Police. A report will follow.

A Motion to close the meeting to the public was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Still.
Roll Call: 4 Yes

PROCLAMATIONS

1. Month of April – National Autism and Acceptance Awareness Month

Mayor Nametko read the proclamation.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SID BUDGET

This hearing will be held at the April 13th meeting.

Resolution #2017-48-Resolution to Approve the 2017 SID Budget

This resolution was carried to the April 13th meeting.

ORDINANCE ADOPTIONS

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

This ordinance will be carried to the April 13th meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF THE 2017 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Resolution 2017-49 -To Read the 2017 Budget by Title Only.

This resolution was carried to the April 13th meeting.

Resolution 2017- 50 -To Adopt the 2017 Budget.

This resolution was carried to the April 13th meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was presented.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Social Affair Permit – Netcong Columbus Club – Trivia Night

A motion was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.
Roll Call: 3 Yes Abstain: Councilman Hathaway

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL

The Council President had nothing to report at this time.

Councilman Still mentioned that he is appreciative of spring's arrival.

MAYORS COMMENTS

The Mayor shared comments about a library group called "MAIN." The library consortium held a meeting that he and Mr. Blakeslee attended today. They were not happy about the results of this meeting. He said there will be more to comment on at next week's meeting. He provided details about their issues. There is discussion on the possible solutions to this problem. Mr. Blakeslee explained the details of how the MAIN operates. He also went into more detail regarding the content of the meeting. Many questions were posed to understand how they operated their 501(3)©. Mr. Blakeslee said the Mt. Olive library called to let him know they will try to work something out to keep the shared service. The Council held a lengthy discussion on this issue and other options to serve our residents. Mr. Blakeslee will continue to research this.

RESOLUTIONS

1. **Resolution #2017- 46** – Authorizing the Acceptance and Execution of an Extension Agreement with Progressive Properties, Inc. to Complete All Improvements Pertaining to the Major Subdivision Approval of Block 8 Lot 36 in the Borough of Netcong

The Council discussed the particulars of this project.
Councilman Still offered that the Council start giving date deadlines for these projects. Mr. Blakeslee will talk with the Borough Engineer about this.

Councilman Hathaway asked to hold this resolution until next week; he has questions for the Borough Attorney.

2. Resolution #2017-47- Tonnage Grant Application

A motion was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway to approve the grant.

Roll Call: 4 Yes

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS

There were no ordinances presented at this meeting.

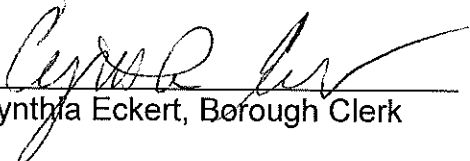
CLOSED SESSION

No closed session was held at this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made by Councilman Still at 8:09PM seconded by Councilman Hathaway and was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk