

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD JUNE 1, 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 – Meeting Cancelled
- Regular Meeting – May 11, 2017

A Motion to approve the above listed minutes was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Koster.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

**PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING**

Seeing no one in the audience, the Mayor asked for a motion to close the public hearing.

A Motion to close the meeting to the public was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

## **ORDINANCE ADOPTIONS**

1. **Ordinance 2017-6** -To Amend Chapter 54, Police Department, Article IV, Fees, Section 54-16, Fees, Paragraph F, Contracted Police Services, Subparagraph (3) of the code of the Borough of Netcong, Morris County, New Jersey

To be carried to the June 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

2. **Bond Ordinance 2017-7** - BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF THE RAILROAD AVENUE WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT (PHASE II) IN, BY AND FOR THE WATER UTILITY OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$240,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE A FEDERAL GRANT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

To be carried to the June 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

No correspondence was presented at this meeting.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business presented.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Appointment of Nicholas Leader as a Firefighter for Fire Co. No. 2

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

2. Social Affair Permit – Saint Cesario Society Feast

A motion was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Koster.  
Roll Call: 4 Yes      Abstain: Councilman Sylvester

## **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL**

From the Council President:

1. Permission was granted to the NCP for constructing the new Borough signs. One Councilman asked if there will be a proof for the Council to see. Councilman Hathaway said all of the changes requested by the Council have been made. He will bring the proof for everyone to see. Councilman Laureys

asked if there is a copyright for our Indian Head logo. Councilman Hathaway provided feedback he received regarding the sign. He added how the council has been trying to brand Netcong for many years. There is continued discussion among the council members over the particulars of the sign. Councilman Hathaway will let the NCP know the Council would like to have the final approval on the sign.

2. Will the town waive the administrative fees for the Feast? He would like to know if they need to submit a letter.

A Motion to waive administrative fees for the St. Cesario and Assumption Feasts was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 3 Yes Abstain: Councilman Sylvester No: Councilman Laureys

Councilman Still states the Borough received a grant for the Railroad Ave. project. He will read the letter at next week's meeting.

Councilman Hathaway explains they are treating the lake with herbicide at this time. He provided details. He also would like to alert the Council the organization that administers care of the lake is causing some trouble. They are promoting confusion regarding who is taking care of the lake. He continued to explain it has taken the better part of two years for the Lake Board to buoy the lake. The other entity took it upon themselves to try to do this. He explained that what they are doing is very beneficial to the care of the lake but there are several personalities causing these issues. His fear is they will cause negative relationships with the state. He is not asking for action he just wants the Council to be aware. The Mayor offered that he is on their committee now so he will be monitoring the situation. The Mayor explains he has been having issues with the DEP about a water lily that inhabits the lake. He says he has been informed they may come up with a way to dry the weeds. Councilman Hathaway explains about the weeds and the difficulty regarding removing them. He said Lake Hopatcong has major issues with weeds on their lake which is much more dangerous than our lake.

### **MAYORS COMMENTS**

The Mayor had no comments at this time.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

1. **Resolution #2017- 64 - To Hire Part Time Tax Assessor (Revised)**

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes

2. **Resolution 2017-65** - Supporting Assembly Bill No. 4532 / Senate Bill No. 3049 Amending the Open Public Records Law

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

3. **Resolution 2017- 66** –To Hire Part Time DPW Laborer

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

4. **Resolution 2017- 67**-Authorizing an Inter-local Services Agreement with the Township of Roxbury

There is lengthy discussion among the council on the particulars of this resolution and agreement.

A motion is made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Koster.  
Roll Call: 5 Yes

#### **ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS**

No ordinances were introduced at this meeting.


#### **CLOSED SESSION**

There was no closed session during this meeting.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

A Motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway at 8:05 PM.  
Roll Call: 5 Yes

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk