

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD JULY 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 this evening were Councilman Hathaway, Councilman Koster, Councilman Still, Councilman Sylvester and Mayor Nametko. Also present were Mr. Blakeslee, Borough Administrator and Mrs. Eckert, Borough Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Agenda Meeting – June 1, 2017
- Regular Meeting – June 8, 2017

A Motion to Approve the June 1, 2017 minutes was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.

Roll Call: 4 Yes

A motion to approve the June 8, 2017 minutes was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.

Roll Call: 3 Yes Abstain: Councilman Still

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

Wayne Anthony 24 Dell Ave. - wished to ask why the lights at the Direnzo Park gazebo are on until 10:00 every night. He feels this will draw people to the park after it is closed. Councilman Still says they are on a timer. Mr. Anthony feels there is no need to have them on every night. The Mayor says if it is bothersome we can have them turned off during the week. Councilman Hathaway feels it does draw people to the park after dark. Mr. Blakeslee replied "we will take care of it."

He also asked (as OEM coordinator) how much money we received from FEMA. The Mayor replied that he would find out and let him know. Mr. Anthony thanked the Council for their time.

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

Roll Call: 4 Yes

ORDINANCE ADOPTIONS

No ordinances for adoption were presented at this meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter from Mon-Pat Holdings, LLC – Water/Sewer Account

Mr. Blakeslee's noted that this letter was discussed at the finance committee meeting last night.

The site is the old book store behind the Allen Mansion. If they take everything out they can stop receiving bills but if they decide to do another hookup they would have to apply for new water hookups. The Council briefly discussed the current use of the site. The Council feels the pipes should be capped off at the street. Councilman Still asked if this building should be knocked down, as it is in great disrepair. Councilman Hathaway asked if there can be a fire inspection on that building.

A Motion to have Mr. Blakeslee move forward with the understanding utilities will be capped by a professional and certified was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 4 Yes

2. Morris County Freeholders – Solid Waste Management Plan Amendment – Recycling Center for Electronic Demanufacturing in the Borough of Lincoln Park

The Mayor provided the background information regarding the use of this recycling center. He continued that this was approved by the county with the understanding it would be open to everyone in Morris County. Councilman Still heard something at the school meeting that the school has a vendor who takes electronics but Councilman Hathaway says he is not sure of the details of this. Councilman Still asks if we can still use the transfer station. The Mayor says absolutely. There is brief discussion on this among the Council.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed at this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Appointment of Public Space Improvement Advisory Committee

Mr. Blakeslee explained that the Mayor has been discussing the funding for the handicap dock at the lake. The CFO Jason Gabloff described a system used to do this. It would require a committee. The Mayor provided the scope of this project and the advantages for disabled people as well as cameras for safety. The terminology Mr. Blakeslee used to name is was “a public space improvement” fund. The Council feels this is a good idea.

2. Community Energy Aggregation Program

The Mayor explained what this program entails and noted that it is really a state level program. Mr. Blakeslee gave a brief explanation of the program that is controlled by the BPU. The Mayor interjected some details regarding how the program works. He noted that everyone is “opted in” and one would have to “opt out” if they didn't want to participate. Councilman Sylvester offered that this is similar to North American power. The Mayor said they would like to make a presentation to the Council. The Mayor suggested if the Council agrees, they can let them come in to do their presentation. Mr. Blakeslee requested which meeting the Council would prefer them to attend. It was decided the August agenda meeting would be ideal.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL

The Council President had nothing at this time to report.

Councilman Koster is concerned about bushes on corner of Maple Ave. and Rt. 183. Mr. Blakeslee will take care of it tomorrow. There is brief discussion about the Borough's liability for this.

MAYORS COMMENTS

The Mayor noted that the school has asked for the Council's assistance with redoing the existing playground. Councilman Hathaway offered that they suggest the playground is a community place so the Borough could be involved. There is discussion on this issue. Councilman Sylvester said this should be done based on Mike Canfield, DPW Superintendent's availability. The Mayor wanted to bring it up tonight to be sure they did not have an issue with it. Councilman Koster says he doesn't mind but noted that the Council keeps doing more and more for the school with little coming back our way. Councilman Still replied that maybe they can help pay for the cost of the backhoe rental. Councilman Still agreed they overreach in this area. Councilman Hathaway suggested there should be a meeting with the new administrator on this issue. There is lengthy discussion regarding pros and cons with involvement. The Council asked Mr. Blakeslee to contact the administration to discuss this.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution 2017- 75 – Providing for Summary Proceedings In Rem of Tax Sale Certificates as Listed in the Tax Foreclosure List

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

Roll Call: 4 Yes

2. **Resolution 2016- 76** – Refund Water-Sewer Overpayment – 15A Church Street

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

Roll Call: 4 Yes

3. **Resolution 2017-77** Authorizing a Public Display of Fireworks by the St. Cesario Society at Arbolino Park

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

Roll Call: 3 Yes Abstain: Councilman Sylvester

4. **Resolution 2017-78** – Covenanting to Comply with the Provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, Applicable to the Exclusion from Gross Income for Federal Income Tax Purposes of Interest on Obligations

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

Roll Call: 4 Yes

5. **Resolution 2017-79** – USDA Resolution of Members or Stockholders

Mr. Blakeslee explained that this is for a grant for the front door replacement. Mr. Blakeslee added that this included the doors and parking lot repairs to make them ADA compliant.

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

Roll Call: 4 Yes

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS

No ordinances were introduced at this meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

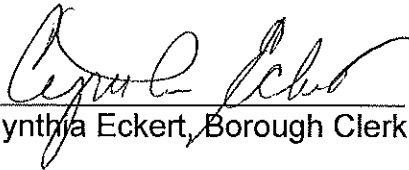
There was no closed session at this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway at 8:10PM.

Roll Call: 4 Yes

Respectfully Submitted,


Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk