

BOROUGH OF NETCONG

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD AUGUST 10, 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 Albensi, Councilman Laureys, Councilman Still, Councilman Sylvester and Mayor Nametko. Also present were Mr. Blakeslee, Borough Administrator and Mrs. Eckert, Borough Clerk.

POLICE CHIEF BLESSON TO ADDRESS MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Chief Blesson presented the Mayor and Council with a plaque showing the resolution that established the police department in 1951 as well as a letter from the current Chief. He read the letter to the Mayor and Council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No minutes were presented at this meeting.

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

Earl Riley, Byram Township Resident and president of Lake Musconetcong Regional Planning Board reported bad situations with weed disposal, recently received expensive equipment to clean out FD draw points and municipal and state park frontages. He mentions they are a volunteer organization. He stated that the current budget is about \$42,000.00. There is no place at this time to take the materials they are removing from the lake with this new equipment. He said last year they spent about \$7,000.00 to dispose of these weeds but the company they used to dispose the weeds is no longer taking this material. The state park refuses to take the weeds. He requested that the Council and Assemblyman Bucco encourage the state and support the Lake Board to allow them to put the weeds and material by Tilcon Lake.

Mr. Bucco explained he received a text message from Councilman Hathaway last week about this. He has requested the commissioner's office convene here (Netcong Borough) to settle these issues. He realized it is late in the year but will do the best he can to get this meeting scheduled. He knows this is an important issue and will make sure it gets resolved. Mr Riley finds it amazing that the state can fund the equipment with a grant and then another department (DEP) in the state can keep them from disposing of it. The Mayor made comments on this issue of the weeds collected. Councilman Hathaway provided details on this issue which included studies done on the materials. The Mayor is not happy with the new management at the state level.

A Motion to Close the Meeting to the Public was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

ORDINANCE ADOPTIONS

No ordinances were presented at this meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence presented.

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Blakeslee reviewed some highlights in his report including Carolyn Way and the status of infrastructure projects.

Mr. Bucco reported about a Surety bond which the Borough will receive in full (\$18,390.44.)

Mr. Bucco asked questions about the fire truck, PILOT program and developer's agreement for the Pocketbook Factory. He also asked about a lead time to process these items. He requested the same for the Energy Aggregation Program. The Mayor and Council will get the contract to him first for his review. The Mayor noted that they have to move quickly on this as one deadline is November.

A Motion to have a Request for Proposal to banks was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.
Roll Call: 5 Yes

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance & Insurance: E. Still J. Sylvester

In the month of July of 2017 the Borough had total income in the amount \$590,420.16 as compared to the previous year of \$488,911.59.

For the month of July 2017:

Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated (MRNA)

In 2017 the Borough received \$3,042.60 in MRNA funds, versus \$1,193.50.

Other Licenses/Borough Clerks Fees:

In 2017 the Borough received \$10,390.94 vs. in 2016 \$13,674.49.

State Aid

The Borough received its Supplemental Energy Receipts from the state in the amount of \$9,477.00. This is the same level of funding received last year.

Grants in Aid

In July of 2017 the Borough received \$2,037.60 in grant funding. In July of 2016 the Borough received \$5,000.

In July the Borough received \$1,887.60 in Fire Safety grant funds and \$150 in NJ Aid to Libraries.

Taxes Collected

In July of 2017 the Borough collected \$565,472.02 vs. \$459,566.60 in 2016.

The Borough received \$106,079.33 in Homestead Rebate funds in July.

Income Total Year to Date:

Total income to date in 2017 was \$4,850,206.74 opposed \$4,655,208.81 in 2016.

Economic Development: R. Hathaway E. Still

- Crown Point – Quirk property will be at a special Planning Board meeting this month. They will also be submitting applications to DEP. They are on track for closing with the Quirk's and DEP by the end of this year.
- Pocketbook Factory will also be making application to Planning Board for September to memorialize changes to the original plan. They submitted a Developer's Agreement.

Public Safety: J. Sylvester E. Koster
(Police, Fire, Rescue)

Police Department for July

Total Calls: 454
Local Summons: 7
Motor Vehicles Summons: 116

Councilman Sylvester noted grants in progress and municipal court revenue

Fire Department for July

Total Calls: 4
Drills: 4
Meetings: 5
Special Details: 7
Total Fire Fighters: 55
Total Involvements: 20
Total Man Hours: 310.1

Dept. of Public
Works & Utilities: E. Koster R. Hathaway

D.P.W. Monthly Report August 2017

Road Department: Picked up 32 cy of grass... Performed the 1x monthly hedge trimming pick up for July ...Responded to localized flooding issues on July 7th.... Delivered meals for Wendy on 7-19....Paved water repair area on Carolyn Way ...Serviced 2 DPW vehiclesRepaired a storm drain at 54 Koclas....

Water Department: The reservoir was refilled and put back on line after repairs leaving only a few items to finish such as the valve turn wheel installation and a man door install to complete the project. ... R.R. Ave project completed new water main and service line installs, a new storm drain culvert install, curb and sidewalk replacement, leaving only final paving. ... Repaired raised water boxes on Stoll St and Marc Ct. ...Assisted Crown Point with pressure testing in the area of Bank St near the Quirk buildingRepaired a water leak on a service line on Carolyn Way . .

Buildings & Grounds: Performed weekly grass cutting at all Borough properties and Netcong School...Performed 1 watering of the new flower pots and weekly watering of the Welcome to Netcong signs....Weeded the gazebo, flower beds and the area across from Shop Rite ...Performed annual service and maintenance of all fire extinguishers

Snow: Bid packets went out for snow plowing contractors....

Other: The Stoll St project has begun with a valve and hydrant replacement as well as the start of curb and sidewalk replacement....

Councilman Hathaway praised the DPW for their hard work and dedication.

Recreation: J. Albensi T. Laureys
Recreation Update 8/10/2017

1. Our summer concert series, believe it or not, is winding down. We have 3 concerts remaining. This Friday one of our town favorites, The Symphonies will be returning to the stage.

2. On Saturday September 16th, the Recreation Commission is running a bus trip to the Feast of San Gennaro. The cost per person is \$20. The bus will leave the Netcong Train Station at 10:30 sharp and return approximately 4:30.
3. On Saturday July 29th, Rec sponsored yet another trip to see School of Rock. The show was awesome with an unbelievable cast of talented young children.
4. We are looking to pursue one last bus trip for this year, hopefully first weekend in November – show to be determined.
5. Netcong Day is fast approaching – we will be assisting the Mayor with the 5K race as well as with any other details that is needed.
6. Fishing Trip – We are still trying to fit in that fishing trip, however, as we only have 3 weeks left in August, and still trying folks to lock in a date, we may have to wait until next year.

Public Services:
(Human Services
Recycling & Solid
Waste Disposal)

T. Laureys

J. Albeni

Dial a Ride Monthly Report: July, 2017

Days of Service: 15

Miles: 707

#of Stops: 61

Nutrition (2 People): 10

Food shopping (19 people): 36

of Meals on Wheels: 11

Medical Appointments: 13

Other Appointments: 33

People Using Services: 48

Cancel: 18

Denials: 3

Units: 245

Hours: 70.5

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was presented.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL

The Council President had nothing to report at this time.

Councilman Still would like to step down from the Planning Board and Councilman Albensi will take his spot. This will be made official at the next meeting.

Councilman Hathaway wished to remind everyone that the Fireman's challenge is a week from tomorrow. 1-4 pm. The purpose is to benefit the Fire Departments and Lake Restoration Committee. The Lake Board has prepared a trophy for this event.

The new hydro rake was at the park during the concert this week. Mr. Reilly invited the Mayor and Council to come out on the hydro rake if they so choose.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

The Mayor had no comments at this time.

RESOLUTIONS

1. **Resolution 2017- 90** – Authorizing the Award of a Contract to Salmon Brothers, Inc for Assistance with Snow Plowing and Salting Services

A motion was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Hathaway to approve this resolution.
Roll Call: 5 Yes

2. **Resolution 2017- 91** - Capital Budget Amendment

A motion was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Hathaway to approve this resolution.
Roll Call: 4 Yes Abstain: Councilman Albensi

3. **Resolution 2017- 92** - To Appoint Joy Sylvester as Recreation Commission Member

A motion was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Hathaway to approve this resolution.
Roll Call: 5 Yes

4. **Resolution 2017- 93** – Establishing a Public Space Improvement Advisory Committee as an Ad Hoc Committee of the Borough of Netcong

A motion was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Hathaway to approve this resolution.
Roll Call: 5 Yes

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS

1. **Bond Ordinance 2017-8** - BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF A NEW QUINT FIRE ENGINE, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$1,000,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, 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.

A motion to Introduce Ordinance #2017-8 and Read by Title Only was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.
Roll Call: 5 Yes

A Motion to Pass Ordinance #2017-8 on First Reading was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.
Roll Call: 5 Yes

REPORTS

A Motion to Incorporate All Reports into the Minutes was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Albensi.
Roll Call: 5 Yes

BILLS

A Motion to Pay All Bills When Funds are Available was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

A Motion to Close the Meeting to the Public was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.
Roll Call: 5 Yes

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.
Roll Call: 5 Yes

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk