

BOROUGH OF NETCONG

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD DECEMBER 14, 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 Albensi, 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

There were no minutes presented at this meeting.

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

Mr. Tyler Oborn from Long Valley was representing the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. He provided the history of his church. He noted the vast amount of missionary work they perform. He explained the details of this missionary work.

Ms. Rebecca Clegg- 95 Allen St. – Netcong, Rebecca shared the details of her missionary service in Bakersfield CA. She explained she is going to college for

special education. Because of her missionary work she has learned to be more involved in community service.

The Mayor thanked her for coming and asked about her most memorable experience while she was there. She related an instance that made an impact on her life.

The Mayor and Council thanked her for her service.

A Motion to Close the Meeting to the Public by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

ORDINANCE ADOPTIONS

No ordinances were presented.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to review.

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Blakeslee commented that there is nothing exceptional in his report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance & Insurance: E. Still J. Sylvester

In the month of November 2017, the Borough had total income in the amount \$1,430,756.75 as compared to the previous year of \$1,675,198.50

For the month of November 2017:

Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated (MRNA)

In 2017 the Borough received \$1,015.00 vs. \$899.50 in 2016

Other Licenses/Borough Clerks Fees:

In 2017 the Borough received \$24,169.56 vs. \$16,441.04 in 2016

State Aid

The Borough received its 2017 Energy Receipts payment in the amount of \$17,882.25 and \$1,713.05 in CMPTRA vs 2016 Energy Receipts payment in the amount of \$17,777.95 and \$1,817.35 in CMPTRA aid from the state. The Borough also received its 2017 Senior Citizens & Veterans Reimbursement in the amount of \$25,802.51 and \$27,716.38 in 2016

Grants in Aid

In November the Borough received a \$1,869.40 from the State of New Jersey Fire Safety and \$2,061.80 in 2016

Taxes Collected

In 2017 the Borough collected \$1,358,304.98 vs. \$1,608,484.48 in 2016.

Income Total Year to Date:

Total income to date in 2017 is \$9,208,927.50 as opposed \$9,092,054.68 in 2016.

Economic Development: R. Hathaway E. Still

Councilman Still stated the Pocketbook Factory deal fell through and is currently at a standstill. There is a short discussion on this topic.

The Mayor commented that Crown Point will be doing improvements to Arbolino Park which is part of the DEP requirements for their project.

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

Police Department
Total Calls: 334
Local Summons: 32
Motor Vehicle Violations: 79

Ambulance Corps (Oct.):
Total Calls: 66
Out of town calls: 5
Total hospital trips: 36
Total Patients: 51
Miles Travelled: 1067 miles
Hours Volunteered: 375 hours, 18 minutes

Fire Department:
Total Calls: 5
Meetings: 3
Other: 2
Total Fire fighters: 45
Total Involvements: 15
Total Man Hours: 234.8

Dept. of Public
Works & Utilities:

E. Koster

R. Hathaway

D.P.W. Monthly Report December 2017

Road Department: Cleaned heavy leaf accumulations from curb lines through town Picked up 268 cy of leaves, 76 cy of brush, and 20 cy of grass ... Paved pot holes around town American Coachworks performed service on the newly acquired dump truck and performed a Federal Annual Inspection

Water Department: Performed quarterly water meter readings Repaired a service line leak at 93 Allen St ... The Stotoff Company was in to pull well 5 and perform video inspection for future rehab planning ... Performed annual Mt Olive Interconnect inspection with American Water

Sewer Department: Cleared a sewer lateral blockage at 88 Wiltop Rd

Buildings & Grounds: Put all of the flower pots and Main St benches into storage Mulched leaves at DiRenzo Park and cleaned leaves at other Borough properties Mobility Elevator was in for maintenance and repair of FH 1 elevator Hung the decorative garland and bows on Main St, Maple Ave, and Ledgewood Ave lamp posts Decorated Borough Hall and FH Christmas Tree ... Prepared for Holiday Parade with such tasks as pickup and delivery of message boards and light towers from the County, set up of portable garbage and recycling cans along parade route, stage set up, thorough cleaning of Main St gazebo, and leaf and garbage clean up on Main St and Maple Ave Peterson's Tree service was in to hang cable and the overhead Christmas decorations on Main St

Parks & Recreation: Closed the Parks and winterized the bathrooms

Snow: Performed equipment inspection with the Borough plowing contractor, Salmon Bros Finished all prep work on Borough vehicles in preparation for the upcoming winter season

Other: Mike Canfield attended classes and received his Rutgers sponsored Clean Communities Coordinators license Mike Canfield attended the League of Municipalities Convention in Atlantic City The State performed a vacuuming of the Swirl Chamber

Comments:

Councilman Koster congratulated Mike Canfield on the completion of his Clean Communities Coordinator license.

Recreation:

J. Albensi

T. Laureys

Councilman Albensi highlighted the holiday parade. He thanked the Mayor and Council, Police Department, Fire Department and DPW for their help with this event. He mentioned the NCP picked up the cost of the entertainment. He continued to describe the visit Santa event at the Gazebo and thanked Leigh Ann VonHagen from the NCP for her efforts. He stated they would like to decorate the Gazebo in DiRenzo Park for next year. He said the Recreation Commission will be judging the Christmas decorating contest this Sunday.

Public Services:
(Human Services
Recycling & Solid
Waste Disposal

T. Laureys

J. Albensi

For the Month of November:

Days of service: 19
Miles: 796
of Stops: 84
Nutrition for 3 people: 15
Food Shopping for 20 people: 47
of Meals on Wheels: 11
Medical Appointments: 30
Other Appointments: 34
People Using Services: 46
Cancels: 11
Denials: 4
Units: 302
Hours: 103

Councilman Laureys also reported that the new driver Wayne Benevento is well liked by the senior residents.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Dulari Shawhney –Water Leak - Attorney Opinion

Mr. Bucco previously reviewed this matter. Statutes do not allow a Governing Body to just wave a charge. There is a mechanism in the statute to establish a payment plan which must be in writing and approved at a Council meeting. If the payment plan is not followed the resident would have to pay the bill in full. He has had some municipalities wave the interest.

The Mayor asked what the favor of the Council is. Mr. Bucco has prepared a draft letter which he can review with the Administrator. He or the Administrator can send it to the resident.

A Motion to wave interest portion of the outstanding bill for Mr. Shawhney by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Sylvester,
Roll Call: 4 Yes Abstain: Councilman Koster

NEW BUSINESS

None

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL

Councilman Koster said the departments he works with work well together. Councilman Sylvester said it is noted throughout the county that Netcong works well.

Mr. Blakeslee said he has worked in many towns and this town works very closely. All department heads and employees work together without personal agendas.

Councilman Albensi said he was upset when a resident from the public said we do not have a sense of community.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

The Mayor thanked the Borough attorney and all department heads and employees for the great work that they do. He wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and invites them to the Christmas Brunch to be held at Borough Hall next Friday at 10:00 am.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution **2017-118**- Transfer Resolution for Current Fund
2. Resolution 2017-119- Authorizing the Cancellation of Small Balances Under the Amount of \$10.00
3. Resolution 2017-120- Authorizing a Shared Service Agreement with the Borough of Stanhope for the Furnishing of Emergency Management Coordinator Services
4. Resolution 2017-121- Authorizing the Execution of a Shared Service Agreement Between the Borough of Netcong and the Township of Mount Olive

A motion to approve all four resolutions noted above was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Koster.
Roll Call: 5 Yes

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS

No ordinances were introduced.

REPORTS

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

BILLS

A Motion to Pay All Bills When Funds are Available was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.
Roll Call: 5 Yes

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

Seeing no one stepping forward, a Motion to Close the Meeting to the Public was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.
Roll Call: 5 Yes

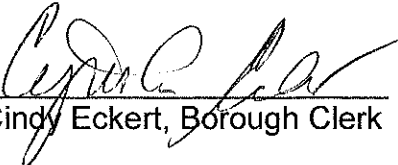
CLOSED SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Koster at 8:06pm.
Roll Call: 5 Yes

Respectfully Submitted,


Cindy Eckert, Borough Clerk