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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD JUNE 14, 2018 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 12, 2018.
2. Publishing a notice in the Daily Record, the official newspaper of the Borough of Netcong on January 17, 2018 and mailing a copy to The Star Ledger on January 12, 2018.

ROLL CALL

Those in attendance this evening were Councilman Albensi, 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

No minutes were presented

NETCONG BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET PRESENTATION

Ms. Kate Walsh and Business Administrator Mrs. Nicole Sylvester presented their budget and accomplishments for this year in detail. Ms. Walsh provided explanation of the upcoming projects and programs and the current programs. She also discussed repairs and maintenance on the building. Also present was Mrs. Bernadette Dalesandro, Board of Education president. Ms. Walsh added that a security vestibule will be added to the school. Mrs. Sylvester explained the numbers and details within the budget.

The Mayor asked if the budget is online. He asked if the class 3 officer can carry a gun. He wanted to know what language they are learning in computer class. The Council and the BOE representatives discussed these topics.

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Councilman Laurey's asked where the class 3 officer would be stationed. The reply was "all over the building".

Councilman Sylvester asked when they would be settling with teachers. Mrs. Dalesandro said next week. Mrs. Dalesandro wanted to thank the Council for giving them the opportunity to present their budget and for approving the color run.

Swearing in of Paige Mosner

The Borough Clerk provided the swearing in ceremony for Paige Mosner.

RESOLUTION TO HIRE CLASS II SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER

1. **Resolution 2018-69**-To Hire Paige E. Mosner as Class II Special Police Officer of the Netcong Police Department

A motion was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Albensi to approve this resolution.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

ANNUAL AUDIT

1. **Resolution #2018-65**-Certification of the Annual Audit.

A motion was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway to approve this resolution.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

2. **Resolution #2018-66** -To Approve the 2017 Corrective Action Plan.

A motion was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway to approve this resolution.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

Ms. Carol Yanoavok, Wiltop Rd. asked about the water situation. She is displeased about how much money she spends on water. She wants to know if they can be reimbursed for the cost of water. The Mayor explained the background of this project which started two years ago. The project should render vast improvements to our system. He added that DEP requires this water boil in order to maintain safety to the residents. Ms. Yanoavok stated this was very frustrating for her. Councilman Laureys noted how the Council is in the same boat and are boiling their water as well. Councilman Hathaway explained the larger portion of the water/sewer bill is the sewer portion not the water. She asked how much longer this project will be going on. The Mayor replied that it depends on several variables. Mr. Canfield, DPW Superintendent said the project is on schedule at this time. The Mayor offered that this new rule will be in effect for all water main repairs. Councilman Hathaway stated the Council was not

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aware of this boil water advisory until the last minute. There was further discussion on this issue. Ms. Yanoavok thanked the Mayor and Council for their time.

Ms. Rose Polo – 40 Church St: She wished to talk about Polo's Bar and Grill which her family owns. They have put more than 1 million dollars into their business which brings in many people from out of town. They are growing and need to keep up with this. She explained that her father had applied for a Zoning Permit and it is not being approved because of a previous resolution. Mr. Blakeslee, Borough Administrator explained there is a miscommunication here. He went on to explain in detail the issues for the denial of the Zoning Permit. He apologized for the confusion. Ms. Polo asked what conditions have not been met. He explained she needs to contact her attorney and/or planner/engineer to verify the conditions. Councilman Hathaway asked a question on why we are making it difficult for our businesses. Mr. Blakeslee suggested they go back to their latest 2014 Planning Board resolution. Councilman Hathaway asked how this process normally works. The Mayor explained this was an amendment to the site plan. There is lengthy detailed discussion on this issue. There was discussion about live music. Mr. Bucco, Borough Attorney read the actual portion of the resolution about music and he agrees the resolution is not very clear. He did go on to explain they would have to comply with the noise ordinance of the Borough. He went on to further explain details. Councilman Hathaway made some comments on his understanding and annoyance with this issue. Ms. Polo requested a copy of the tape. Councilman Still wanted to know why the Planning Board is telling establishments what they can or can't do. That is the job of the Mayor and Council. Councilman Still felt if there is a disconnect with the Planning Board at this time. Lengthy discussion continued. Councilman Still suggested a new letter should be written clearly stating what conditions need to be met. Mr. Bucco suggested the Borough Engineer should be contacted to stipulate the conditions. Councilman Sylvester asked how the music became an issue. Councilman Hathaway is angry that we are giving this business such a hard time when we are trying to get good businesses in our town. Discussion regarding these issues continued and got somewhat heated. Mr. Bucco interjected with facts regarding the resolution.

The Mayor explained to Rose Polo she will have a new letter with the conditions that need to be met. The Mayor stated we will not solve all these issues tonight. We need to solve Rose's problem tonight. Ms. Polo wanted to know if the music is prohibited. She wants clarification on this subject as well as the conditions that need to be met. She thanked the Council for their time.

A Motion to close the meeting to the public was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

ORDINANCE ADOPTIONS

No ordinance adoptions were presented.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was presented.

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BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

There were no questions or comments regarding this report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance & Insurance: E. Still J. Sylvester

In the month of May 2018 the Borough had a total income in the amount of \$937,623.34 as compared to May 2017 of \$1,405,024.44.

For the month of May 2018:

Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated (MRNA):

In 2018 the Borough received \$1,734.35 compared to \$875.00 in 2017

Other Licenses/Borough Clerks Fees:

In 2018 the Borough received \$25,213.25 compared to \$18,163.85 in 2017.

State Aid:

We didn't receive any state aid in May 2018 or May 2017.

Grants in Aid:

There was no money received during May 2018 compared to May 2017 where there was \$1,324.70 received.

Taxes Collected:

The Borough collected \$910,675.74 in 2018 compared to \$1,384,660.89 in 2017

Two of the larger banks remitted 2nd quarter taxes before the end of April this year as compared to May 2017.

Income Total Year to Date:

The Total Income Year to date for 2018 is \$4,331,765.51 as opposed to \$4,147,563.40 in 2017.

Economic Development: R. Hathaway E. Still

Councilman Hathaway reported that there would be a meeting tomorrow with NJ Transit at 11:00 am. There has been a long gap since the last one.

Pocketbook Factory: Still working on it. This new transaction should move forward.

Crown Point: In the hands of consultant for PILOT. Then will work on developer and financial agreements. He hopes work to commence this fall.

Councilman Sylvester asked if we could work around NJ Transit. Councilman Hathaway gave an explanation to this question. There is continued discussion among the Council.

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

Councilman Sylvester read the reports for Police, Fire and Ambulance.

Ambulance Corps:

Total Calls: 58
Total Patients: 35
Total Hospital Trips: 31
Miles Traveled: 928
Hours Volunteered: 160hours, 13 minutes

Fire Department

Total Calls: 11
General Alarms: 4
Mutual Aid: 7 (3 cover assignments for Budd Lake FD during bus crash)
Total Members: 40
Time Volunteered: 133hrs, 31 minutes
Drills: 6
Total Members: 32
Time Volunteered: 159 hours, 05 minutes
Administrative Details: 5
Total Members: 33
Time Volunteered: 204 hours, 20 minutes
Total Time Volunteered: 496 hours, 26 minutes

Police Department

Total Calls: 522
Local Summons: 19
Motor Vehicle Summons: 178
Click it or Ticket: 98

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

Councilman Koster read the reports.

Road Department:

Picked up 132 cy of brush Picked up 36 cy of leaves Picked up 40 cy of grass
Roxbury DPW came in to provide town wide street sweeping Started installing new
street signs and posts on Allen St.

Water Department:

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Performed May water samples ... Installed 3 new water service taps on RR Ave Performed mark outs for water infrastructure project Performed May water meter readings ...

Buildings & Grounds:

Purchased and installed flowers in Welcome to Netcong signs, Borough Hall, and the Main St and Maple Ave flower pots Hung American Flags on Main St and Maple Ave CARE Environmental removed the oil tank at FH 2 Repaired damaged shingles at DiRenzo Park gazebo

Parks & Recreation:

Performed grass cutting and bathroom maintenance at Borough Parks....

Other: Mike Canfield attended a Clean Communities Conference in Lambertville.... Anthony Colabella started as the DPW summer employee.... DPW provided support of various tasks involved with the water infrastructure project. ...

Recreation:

J. Albensi

T. Laureys

Councilman Albensi reported the following:

Municipal Alliance Report - He explained how the Alliance would like to start their own Family Boot Camp Program and lower the attendee age.

Total 20 hours volunteer time

Recreation and Alliance sponsored a Kids Day at the Lake last Saturday which was very successful. He explained the details of this event.

1. Paint & Sip Fundraiser- Recreation hosted their first paint & sip fundraiser on Friday June 1st from 7-9pm, Co#1 Firehouse. We had 36 participants in attendance who all enjoyed an evening of painting, conversation, and fun. Our total profit of \$775.28 went to the local church food banks
2. Tai Chi continues to be a growing success. We are now up to 20 in attendance!!
3. Kids Day in The Park - this past Saturday the Recreation Commission hosted their first ever Kids Day in The Park. We began with our annual chalk contest with 50 children registered to color; had a face painter as well as sand art; and were entertained by JoJo! Hot Dogs were also provided. This will be back on the calendar for next year.
4. Concerts begin Friday June 29th at 7pm with rain date on Sunday July 1 at 6pm. Our annual 4th of July double concert will begin at 4pm with second concert starting at 7pm. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided.

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5. Save the dates for the annual Holiday Parade will be going out by the end of the month.
6. Feast of San Genaro bus trip is scheduled for Saturday September 15th. The cost per person will be \$25. Bus will leave Netcong Train Station at 10:30 am, returning at approximately 5pm. Flyer will be ready at the end of June.

Total volunteer hours -126 hours

Public Services: T. Laureys J. Albensi
(Human Services
Recycling & Solid
Waste Disposal

Councilman Laureys read his report.

Dial a Ride:

Days of Service: 24

Miles: 938

#of stops: 66

Nutrition for 3 people: 20

Food Shopping: 55

Meals on Wheels: 11

Medical Appointments: 13

Other Appointments: 88

People using services: 41

Cancels: 12

Denials: 0

Units: 316

Hours: 116.5

OLD BUSINESS

1. Cable Contract

The Mayor stated we did get a list from other towns of what to ask for. He went on to explain they do have a grant opportunity. There is discussion on this and other matters on this subject. There was discussion on internet speed and the costs. Mr. Bucco suggested we set up a meeting at the Borough Hall to work out the details on this issue. The Mayor asked if we can change the number of years for the contract. Mr. Blakeslee will ask the representative for some dates.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Social Affair Permit – Assumption Society Fireworks

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A motion to approve the permit was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL

President: Wished to go back and discuss the work done on Prospect St. Roadwork- the water that comes out of the school is running under the sidewalk and a big chunk out of the curb line and sidewalks are breaking up. He is not happy with the performance of the company that did the work. He suggested a drain should be put in to fix the problem. Mr. Bucco stated the school would be responsible for controlling the water draining from their property. There is discussion among the Council on this issue. Councilman Still suggested we do a better job of picking these contractors.

Councilman Albensi: Takes exception to the throttling the Planning Board is taking. He has taken several Sundays of training and he doesn't know everything but at every meeting he asks the professionals on their insight on this and he trusts that they know what they are discussing.

Councilman Hathaway replied that this is why he brought this up. The members of the Planning Board do not know everything. The real issues here are the professionals. Councilman Albensi stated he understands the frustration but all the training is not going to make him an engineer or attorney. There was further discussion on this issue and possibly doing an RFP for these positions.

Councilman Laureys: he is happy that the Polo family is here in our town. Mr. Blakeslee explained some details about the Polo issue.

Councilman Koster: He had a question about the change in law for volunteer Fireman who are Councilman – he wanted clarification on this change in the law from the Borough Attorney. Mr. Bucco provided an explanation detailing the change and the reasons for it. Councilman Koster wants to know why the Council can vote for their own salaries but not for Fire Dept. issues.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Sewer Connections: Route 46 Woodmont Property and Route 206 Quick Chek and now the Church on the hill on Rt. 46 want to connect. He would like to pass an ordinance that if you do not live in Netcong there is a fixed connection fee and yearly fee. Mr. Bucco gave details on this matter. The Mayor wants to know what will happen when one of these pipes gets clogged. Mr. Bucco explained the details of this possible problem as well. There is lengthy discussion among the Council members regarding the details. The Mayor is not pleased that we are providing water for customers that do not pay. Mr. Bucco explained the process to get payment.

The Mayor and Councilman Hathaway went to a Musconetcong Watershed Association meeting and will continue to attend to represent Netcong's interests.

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RESOLUTIONS

1. **Resolution 2018-67-** Rejecting the Low Bid and Authorizing the Award of the Reservoir Roof Replacement Contract to the Second Low Bidder, Roof Management, Inc.

A motion was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Albensi to approve the resolution.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

2. **Resolution 2018- 68 -** To Appoint Michael Grogan as Planning Board Alternate #2 Member

A motion was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Albensi to approve the resolution.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

3. **Resolution 2018- 70-** Authorizing Sanitary Sewer and Water Allocations to Leonard USA, LLC for Block 19, Lot 14 More Commonly Known as 2 Flanders Rd. in the Borough of Netcong

This resolution was tabled as Mr. Bucco wished to provide more information before a vote was taken.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS

1. **ORDINANCE 2018-11 -**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.

A motion to introduce Ordinance #2018-11 and read by title only was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

A motion to pass Ordinance #2018-11 on First Reading was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

REPORTS

A Motion to Incorporate All Reports into the Minutes was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

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BILLS

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes


CLOSED SESSION

There was no closed session.

ADJOURNMENT :

A Motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway at 9:22pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk