BOROUGH OF NETCONG

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD OCTOBER 3, 2019 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 4, 2019.
- 2. Publishing a notice in the Daily Record, the official newspaper of the Borough of Netcong on January 9, 2019 and mailing a copy to The Star Ledger on January 4, 2019.

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.

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

Mr. David Costanzo of 27 Prospect St. reported that he is grateful the water drain near his home is fixed.

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

AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

The following items are for discussion purposes only. Any action on these items will take place at the meeting of October 10, 2019.

Minutes – Agenda Meeting – September 5, 2019
 Regular Meeting – September 12, 2019

A motion was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Hathaway to approve the minutes.

Roll Call: 6 Yes for September 5th

Roll Call: 4 Yes for September 12th Abstain: Councilmen Koster and Laureys

2. Ordinance Adoptions – Ordinance 2019-15-An Ordinance of the Borough Council of the Borough of Netcong, County of Morris, Authorizing the Acceptance and Establishment of a Conservation Easement on Borough Property

This ordinance was carried to the October 10th meeting.

- 3. Correspondence None this evening.
- 4. Old Business None this evening.
- 5. New Business- 2019 Best Practices Worksheet

Mr. Blakeslee noted the report was 19 pages.

6. Resolution 2019-94 – Authorizing an Extension of Time for the Sewer and Water Allocations Approved by Resolution No. 2017-108 for the Crown Point Development Project Located on Bank Street in the Borough of Netcong, Block 16.01 Lots 24 and 25.01.

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

7. Resolution 2019–95 – To Appoint Jeff Jozowski DPW Laborer/Operator

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes Abstain: Councilman Koster

8. Resolution 2019-96- Authorizing an Interlocal Services Agreement between the Borough of Netcong and the Township of Roxbury.

A motion was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Still to approve the resolution.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

9. Introduction - Ordinance

None this evening.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL

Councilman Hathaway reported that the algae bloom in the lake is gone. The equipment for the lake is in order and working properly.

Councilman Koster asked if there is a place to put the weeds next year. Councilman Hathaway said yes and provided detail on this issue. Councilman Albensi asked if they are still looking for volunteers. Councilman Hathaway stated yes, they could use more volunteers and would train them.

Councilman Albensi stated that he misinterpreted the proposed change to the borough ordinance that was presented to the Council at the last meeting. He gave an explanation and details on why this should be changed. Any property less than 10 acres would need to notice for variance situations. This will return to the agenda next week.

MAYORS COMMENTS

No comments from the Mayor, but he noted Mr. Blakeslee had some comments:

Mr. Blakeslee had several things to comment on:

PILOT gas station:

The PILOT application for expansion in Roxbury will be discussed at a meeting in Roxbury this month and another meeting on Oct. 28th. They will be applying for a site plan approval and use variance. He will be receiving a copy of the site plan soon. There was lengthy discussion regarding truck traffic intensity. Councilman Hathaway gave some explanation on the details of this use variance. Councilman Albensi provided additional details of this issue. There was also discussion among the Council on the possible industrial warehouse in that area on Route 46.

Dogs in the parks:

We have signs for no dogs in the park but our ordinance does not state that. Mr. Blakeslee made several suggestions on how to rectify this situation. There was discussion among the Council on this subject. Most Council members prefer to have no dogs in the park.

PROCLAMATION

None this evening.

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

Mr. David Costanzo of 27 Prospect St. would like to know if the school is considered Borough property. The Council said the school would be responsible for rules on its own property. He also wanted to know what the age is for the volunteers for the lake. Councilman Hathaway said a boating safety certificate is required to run the harvester.

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

CLOSED SESSION

None this evening.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made by Councilman Still, seconded by Councilman Hathaway and moved by unanimous voice vote at 7:53PM. Roll Call: 6 Yes

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk