

# **BOROUGH OF NETCONG**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD FEBRUARY 6, 2020 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**

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 3, 2020.
2. Publishing a notice in the Daily Record, the official newspaper of the Borough of Netcong on January 15, 2020 and sending a copy to the Star Ledger on January 3, 2020.

## **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**

The Mayor noted there was no one from the public present.

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

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 February 13, 2020.*

1. Approval of Minutes – January 2, 2020 Re-organization Meeting
2. Approval of Minutes – January 9, 2020 Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Sylvester to approve both meetings minutes.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

3. Ordinance Adoption – Ordinance 2020-1 - Fire Co. # 1 Coin Drop

The ordinance was carried to the February 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

4. Correspondence – Memo - Netcong Borough Planning Board – Resolution 2020-3 2019 Variances

5. Discussion – Sewer Transmission Agreement – Roxbury Township (Quick Chek)

Mr. Blakeslee suggested we defer until the March meeting.

6. Discussion – Sewer Transmission Agreement – Grace Church

Mr. Blakeslee suggested we defer until March meeting.

7. Discussion - ShopRite Redevelopment Plan

Mr. Blakeslee will have the ordinance prepared for next week. There was brief discussion on the upcoming changes to all food stores.

8. Discussion – Crown Walk PILOT Agreement

Councilman Hathaway provided a brief explanation on the changes to this agreement. Councilman Still gave several comments as well. Councilman Sylvester asked how much improvement needs to be complete before we can start taxing. Councilman Hathaway explained they need to be ready to be open before they can be taxed. He included details on this. Mr. Blakeslee will send a copy of the change to the Council. An ordinance will be prepared.

9. Resolutions – 2020 - 27- Authorizing the Update, Adoption an Implementation of the Personnel Policy and Procedures Manual of the Borough of Netcong Regarding Domestic violence Policy for Public Employers.

Mr. Blakeslee gave a brief explanation on the requirements dictated by the State.

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

10. Resolution – 2020 – 28 - Authorizing the Upgrade of the Borough's Phone System Through the New Jersey State Purchasing Contract # A80801.

Mr. Blakeslee explained this was budgeted last year. It is a software and hardware upgrade. The Mayor gave some details on this subject.

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

11. Resolution – 2020 – 29 - Recognizing the Importance of the 2020 Census

The Mayor explained the purpose for this resolution. He continued to explain he received a copy of the map and all Netcong properties are included in the boundaries. Councilman Laureys wanted to know why this resolution was necessary.

A motion was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Sylvester  
Roll Call: 6 Yes

12. Resolution –2020 – 30 - Approving Change Order No.1 to the Contract with William J. Guarini, Inc. Credit in the Amount of -9,055.00 for the Installation of New Water Meters

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

13. Ordinance Introduction – Ordinance 2020-2 – Stanhope Netcong Ambulance Coin Drop

This was carried to the February 13, 2020 meeting.

14. Proclamation – None Presented

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL**

Council President Sylvester - Trying for last 4-5 years to get a FEMA grant for the Fire Department. The cost of the equipment is approximately \$300,000.00. They would like to get a grant writer. There was discussion on possibilities for a grant writer. Councilman Sylvester stated he felt this wasn't represented well in the past. There was discussion about going forward with trying for this grant again. The Mayor said our new congressional representative will be in the area. He asked if any council members would be available to meet with him on the 23rd to ask questions. There is a March deadline to apply for this grant. The Mayor sent a follow-up email to Congressman Molanowski after his phone call to him. The Mayor gave details on his discussions on this matter as well as other grants. Mr. Blakeslee said he could also contact grant writers. There was brief discussion regarding other grants. Councilman Koster asked if the demolition of the ShopRite owned houses on Down St. could be used for training drills.

The Mayor also gave an update on the Cable Vision contract. Mr. Bucco helped with the legal details. He gave details on the requests and changes in the contract. The cable company has agreed to the requests so they can now move forward with the contract. Mr. Blakeslee reported the contract additions.

Councilman Still wanted to know what is happening with the new front door. Mr. Blakeslee detailed the progress on this. The Mayor explained we won't lose the grant due to time constraints. There was discussion on possible contractors. There was discussion about breaking the job into different sections in order to get it completed.

**MAYORS COMMENTS**

The Mayor had no comments at this time.

**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: 6 Yes

**CLOSED SESSION**

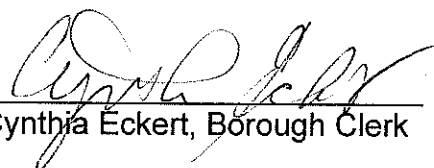
There was no closed session this evening.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A Motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway at 7:49PM.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk