

BOROUGH OF NETCONG

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD FEBRUARY 13, 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 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.

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

Bernadette Dalesandro – President Board of Education. She wished to discuss 2 topics:

1. Strategic Planning Process – she went on to explain the details of the strategic planning process. She is hoping a council person or several can be participating. It will be the last weekend in March 27-28. The meeting is one weekend - food will be provided; Meeting time is 6-9 Friday and 9-12 on Saturday.
2. Unintended consequence – in December Municipal Alliance had an event showing a movie for the students – Board of Education received an email they would be fined because they did not have permission to show the movie in the

building. The school forwarded the letter to the Municipal Alliance who had already obtained the permit needed to hold the event. She went on to give details of the problem. In the end the school had to pay the fine. They are not blaming anyone. They just want to make sure going forward this will not occur again. The fee covers one year.

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes

ORDINANCE ADOPTIONS

1. **Ordinance 2020-1-** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO EXECUTE AN APPLICATION FOR A CHARITABLE SOLICITATION PERMIT FOR NETCONG VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY NO. 1's "COIN DROP" ON MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND AT THE INTERSECTIONS OF ALLEN STREET AND LEDGEWOOD AVENUE AND MAIN STREET AND ROUTE 46 AND ROUTE 183 IN THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

A Motion to Read Ordinance 2020-1- by Title Only on Second Reading and a Hearing Held Thereon was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Albeni.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

A Motion to Close Public Hearing By Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Albeni.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

A Motion to Adopt Ordinance #2020-1 was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence presented at this meeting.

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

No additions but Mr. Blakeslee gave comment on a few items and details on several forms he had provided to the Council.

1. There was brief discussion on the FEMA firefighter grant information. He suggested moving forward with this would be advantageous. The Mayor and Councilman Sylvester will be going to Mt. Olive to meet with Mr. Milanowski to discuss this grant. There was further discussion among the Council on this matter.

A Motion to move forward in hiring a grant writer was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

2. Mr. Blakeslee commented on the Tony Tank property and gave some detail on recommendation to do a title search. He asked Mr. Bucco to do a title search on all properties involved to see if there is an easement on that property. The estimate given for the search is \$1,800.00. He gave detail on how we can pay for this. There was discussion among the council on the purpose for doing this title search.

A Motion to approve Mr. Bucco to do a title search on the affected properties associated with the Tony Tank property not to exceed \$2,000.00 was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

3. The Borough will be doing goose round up again. Mr. Blakeslee reached out to Stanhope and Roxbury to contribute to the cost. Councilman Hathaway gave detail on how the fee should be appropriated.

He suggested a three-way split would be fair. Mr. Blakeslee will send a letter to the other two towns. There was brief discussion among the council on details of this matter. This may be done as a formal shared service.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance & Insurance: E. Still J. Sylvester
Councilman Still read his report

For the month of January 2020 the Borough had a total income in the amount of \$1,571,480.65 as compared to January 2019 of \$744,057.77.

For the month of January 2020:

Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated (MRNA):

In 2020 the Borough received \$1,387.45 compared to \$1,805.09 in 2019.

Other Licenses/Borough Clerks Fees:

The Borough received \$27,912.23 compared to \$31,657.36 in 2019.

State Aid:

We didn't receive any state aid in January 2020 or in January 2019.

Grants in Aid:

The Borough received \$1,423.28 for grants in January 2020 as compared to \$10,628.92 in January 2019.

Taxes Collected:

The Borough collected \$1,540,757.69 in 2020 compared to \$699,966.40 in 2019.

Income Total Year to Date:

The Total Income Year to date for 2020 is \$1,571,480.65 as opposed to \$744,057.77 in 2019.

Economic Development: R. Hathaway E. Still

Councilman Hathaway reported:

1. Crown Walk Financial agreement on agenda tonight. He provided details regarding this subject. He stated that this is an advantageous plan.
2. Voting on Shop Rite plan tonight. There is still more to be done.
3. Crown Point is hoping to have the first building done by September and ready to rent.

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

Councilman Sylvester read his reports.

He also noted that the Police Class 2 special is in his third week of training at the academy.

Police Department

Total Calls: 549

Motor Vehicles: 154

Local Summons: 56 for parking and 11 for overweight vehicles

Ambulance Corps Full Year 2019 Activity

Total Calls: 727

Call out of town: 41

Total Patients: 540

Total trips to Hospital: 446

Total Miles: 13,507

Total Hours: 3,676 hrs. 13 minutes

Total Assists: 11

NETCONG FIRE DEPARTMENT
MONTHLY REPORT
January - 2020

INCIDENTS

DATE	INCIDENT	TYPE	LOCATION	TIME OUT	TIME IN	CALL HOURS	MEMBERS	MAN HOURS	EQUIPMENT
01-01-20	0001	AFA	Netcong Helghts (B-27) - Netcong	20:53	21:15	0.37	10	3.7	C1/E1/E6/S7
01-03-20	0002	Mutual Aid	270 Center Street - Roxbury	08:20	08:52	0.53	8	4.24	C1/T1/E6
01-03-20	0003	MVA	75 Route 46 (Shoprite)(IAO) - Netcong	20:26	20:40	0.23	11	2.53	E1/S7
01-04-20	0004	AFA	51 Main Street (Gomez Building) - Netcong	17:20	17:45	0.42	12	5.04	C1/E1/E6
01-04-20	0005	AFA	51 Main Street (Gomez Building) - Netcong	18:04	18:40	0.6	13	7.8	T1/E6
01-11-20	0006	MVA	Route 46 & Ledgewood Avenue - Netcong	18:52	19:39	0.78	12	9.36	T1/E1/E3/S7
01-28-20	0007	MVA	Route 46 & Ledgewood Avenue - Netcong	11:46	12:12	0.43	7	3.01	E1/S7
01-29-20	0008	Smoke Condition	111 Route 46 (Molton Auto Body) - Netcong	22:13	22:33	0.33	19	6.27	C1/T1/E1/E6
01-30-20	0009	Appliance Fire	6 Water Street - Netcong	11:14	11:25	0.18	6	1.08	C1/T1/E6
TOTAL							18	43.03	

DRILLS

DATE	NUMBER	TYPE	LOCATION / DESCRIPTION	TIME OUT	TIME IN	CALL HOURS	MEMBERS	MAN HOURS	EQUIPMENT
01-06-20	0001	Company 2	Hilltop Fire Company #2 - DFS paperwork	19:00	21:00	2	12	24	N/A
01-13-20	0002	Company 1	Company 1 / Company 2 - FIT Testing & Apparatus Maintenance	18:00	20:30	2.5	18	45	T1/E3
01-13-20	0003	Company 2	Hilltop Fire Company #2 - TIC & Search	19:00	20:00	1	13	13	N/A
01-20-20	0004	Company 1	Netcong Fire Company #1 - Tower Tools	18:00	21:00	3	18	54	T1
01-27-20	0005	Company 1	Boat Launch - Ice Rescue Refresher	18:00	21:00	3	7	21	
01-27-20	0006	Company 2	Hilltop Fire Company #2 - SCBA Refresher	19:00	20:30	1.5	9	13.5	N/A
TOTAL							36	170.5	

ADMIN. / EQUIPMENT / SPECIAL DETAILS

DATE	NUMBER	TYPE	LOCATION	TIME OUT	TIME IN	CALL HOURS	MEMBERS	MAN HOURS	EQUIPMENT
01-02-20	0001	Chief's Swearing In	Netcong Boro Hall / Netcong Fire Co. #1	19:00	20:00	1	9	9	N/A
01-06-20	0002	Company 1 Meeting	Netcong Fire Company #1 - Netcong	19:30	20:30	1	17	17	N/A
01-11-20	0003	Fund Raiser	Netcong Elementary School - Netcong	09:45	12:00	2.25	4	9	N/A
01-20-20	0004	Company 2 Meeting	Hilltop Fire Company #2 - Netcong	19:30	20:00	0.5	15	7.5	N/A
01-24-20	0005	Fire Officer Symposium	Morris County Public Safety Training Academy - Parsippany	19:00	22:30	3.5	2	7	N/A
01-25-20	0006	Fire Officer Symposium	Morris County Public Safety Training Academy - Parsippany	08:00	16:00	8	2	16	N/A
01-29-20	0007	Officer's Meeting	Netcong Fire Company #1 - Netcong	18:00	19:00	1	6	6	N/A
TOTAL							33	71.5	

MONTHLY	45 Members volunteered
TOTAL	288 Hours & 2 Minutes

Department of Public Works E. Koster R. Hathaway

Councilman Hathaway read the report. He noted that there will be a vote tonight for a backup water operator.

Road Department:

Picked up 165 Christmas Trees Salt/Plow events on January 5th, 18th, and 19th ...

Water Department:

Repaired a broken water box for 63 Main St Started a large mark out job for the new bridge project on Old Waterloo Rd Continued labeling hydrants as part of the water system assessment plan Installed a new water meter at 63 RR AveInstalled a new fire hydrant on the comer of Highland Ave. and Hillside Ave Repaired a hidden water main leak at the comer of Dogwood Rd and Wiltop Rd

Sewer Department:

Sold the 1986 sewer jet on Municipal Cleared sewer lateral clog at the Stroud building on Rt 206

Buildings & Grounds:

Performed annual boiler inspections at Borough properties DPW graded the area for the new FH1 storage building The new FH1 storage building was erected by Pioneer Pole Buildings DPW took down all Christmas decorations ... Peterson tree service took down overhead decorations on Main St. as well as the Christmas tree at FH1 Advanced Mechanical came in to make repairs on the Furnace at FH1 Creekstone concrete grinding was in to lower the floor apron at FH1 and Tri State Dock and Door installed a filler piece on the bottom of the garage door Service and repairs were made to the elevator at FH1 by Mobility Elevator

Recreation:

J. Albensi

T. Laureys

Councilman Albensi read his report

1. Recreation will be sponsoring a Broadway show bus trip into NYC on Saturday March 7th to see the Broadway Sensation, Aint Too Proud, The Temptation Story. This trip is sold out with a long waiting list.
2. On Friday, March 27th, Recreation will be hosting a fundraiser Sign Painting Party, 6:30, at the Hilltop Firehouse. You will be painting a wood plank sign with your choice of saying. You pick your stain and colors. The workshop is \$45-\$65 depending on what sign style you choose. You will take home your sign the same night. Please see details on our Facebook page.
3. Saturday April 4th will be our signups for our annual garage sale, to be held at Boro Hall from 10-12.
4. April 4th will also be the Netcong PTA's Easter Egg event co-sponsored with Netcong Recreation. Recreation will provide pictures with the Easter Bunny as well as Cliffs Ice Cream. Looking into another bus trip for late Summer, more details to follow.

Public Services:
(Human Services
Recycling & Solid
Waste Disposal

T. Laureys

J. Albensi

Councilman Laureys read his report

It was suggested the Dial A Ride vehicle be cleaned.

Days Of Service: 21
Miles: 1185
#Of Stops: 85
Nutrition For 2 People: 18
Food Shopping: 36
Of Meals On Wheels: 14
Medical Appointments: 14
Other Appointments: 167
People Using Service: 40
Cancels: 8
Denials: 0
Units: 321
Hours: 106.75

OLD BUSINESS

None presented.

NEW BUSINESS

None presented.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL

Councilman Hathaway – reminding everyone about the 319H grant. He is requesting Mr. Bucco send a letter of support.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

We have a lot of expensive projects coming up which include the master plan update. He would like to engage the highlands to do a conformance review which will be at no cost. He gave detail on how another town had taken advantage of this. He gave detail on how the highlands can help and why we should take advantage of their program. We are in the planning area and we already do a lot for compliance. He went on to explain some details and asked the Council to consider this as an option. Councilman Hathaway has been keeping a close watch on this and this not binding. They are working as an independent agency. He said they do have funds for master planning and clean water. It would be advantageous to get involved. The Mayor gave more detail on this subject. He stated we are also working on completing our town designation, which we should be able to file on our own.

A Motion to move forward with Highlands Evaluation was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Still.
Roll Call: 5 Yes

RESOLUTIONS

1. **Resolution 2020- 31-** Redeem Tax Sale Certificate 19-00006.
2. **Resolution 2018- 32-** Appointing Back-up Water Operator.

Councilman Still wanted to know the name of the backup water operator.

A motion to approve the two resolutions noted above was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS

1. **Ordinance 2020-2 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE POLICE CHIEF TO EXECUTE AN APPLICATION FOR A CHARITABLE SOLICITATION PERMIT FOR AMERICAN LEGION AMBULANCE CORP OF STANHOPE/NETCONG'S "COIN DROP" ON JUNE 5TH, JUNE 6TH 2020 AND ON SEPTEMBER 11TH, AND SEPTEMBER 12TH, 2020 AT THE INTERSECTIONS OF ALLEN STREET AND LEDGEWOOD AVENUE AND MAIN STREET AND ROUTE 46 IN THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

A Motion to Introduce Ordinance #2020-2 and Read by Title Only.was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Albensi.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

A Motion to Pass Ordinance #2020-2 on First Reading was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Albensi.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

2. **Ordinance 2020-3 - ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG, COUNTY OF MORRIS AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A FINANCIAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG AND CROWN WALK URBAN RENEWAL, LLC, FOR PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 19, LOT 14 PURSUANT TO THE LONG-TERM TAX EXEMPTION LAW (N.J.S.A. 40A:20-1 et seq.).**

The Mayor had a question on this. Mr. Bucco said we can introduce it tonight but we should not adopt the ordinance until we have time to review the application.

A Motion to Introduce Ordinance #2020-3 and Read by Title Only was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Still.

Roll Call: 4 Yes 1 No

A Motion to Pass Ordinance #2020-3 on First Reading was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Still.

Roll Call: 4 Yes 1 No

3. Ordinance 2020-4 – AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR BLOCK 28, LOT 15,16,17,18,19, 20 & 21

Mr. Bucco stated there are several typo's on this document. In the title of the ordinance it says the town redevelopment plan should it say Borough.

A Motion to Introduce Ordinance #2020-4 and Read by Title Only was made by Councilman Albensi and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

A Motion to Pass Ordinance #2020-4 on First Reading was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Albensi.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

4. Ordinance 2020-5 - AN ORDINANCE GRANTING MUNICIPAL CONSENT FOR THE OPERATION OF A CABLE TELEVISION SYSTEM WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG, NEW JERSEY TO CSC TKR, LLC D/B/A CABLEVISION OF MORRIS

Councilman Sylvester stated it was his understanding all town owned buildings would have internet and telephone service at no charge. It does not appear to be in the final contract. There was discussion on the details of this. Mr. Blakeslee contacted the representative from the cable company and asked for clarification. Councilman Still provided his opinion. Mr. Bucco explained this is no longer regulated. It is controlled by the FCC and only the television portion. He explained the internet portion is totally unregulated. He expects pricing to change. Councilman Sylvester asked if we can find another provider. Mr. Bucco gave explanation on that subject. There was detailed discussion among the Council. Mr. Blakeslee will contact the cable company to clarify we already have the lines we just don't want to be charged.

A Motion to table this ordinance until the Council obtains more information was made by Councilman Sylvester and Seconded by Councilman Albensi.

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 Sylvester.
Roll Call: 5 Yes

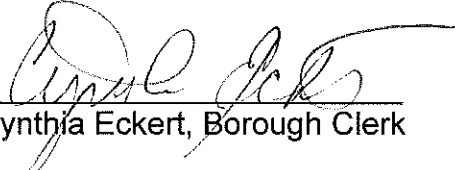
CLOSED SESSION

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 8:32 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk