

## **BOROUGH OF NETCONG**

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD MARCH 5, 2020 AT THE NETCONG MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 23 MAPLE AVENUE, NETCONG, NEW JERSEY COMMENCING AT 7:30 PM.**

Mayor Nametko called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

#### **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**

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 March 12, 2020.*

1. Approval of Minutes – February 6, 2020 Agenda Meeting

Approval of Minutes – February 13, 2020 Regular Meeting

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes Abstain Feb 13: Councilman Koster

2. Ordinance Adoption – 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 5<sup>TH</sup>, JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup> 2020 AND ON SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>, AND SEPTEMBER 12<sup>th</sup>, 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.

To be carried to the March 12 meeting.

3. Ordinance Adoption – 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.*)

To be carried to the March 12 meeting.

4. Ordinance Adoption – Ordinance 2020-4-AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR BLOCK 28, LOTS 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 & 21 IN THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG

To be carried to the March 12 meeting

5. New Business – Social Affair Permit – Netcong Columbus Club - St. Patty's Day Fundraiser

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

Roll Call: 4 Yes Abstain: Councilmen Hathaway and Sylvester

6. Correspondence – Memo- Netcong Planning Board – Resolution Regarding the Master Plan Consistency and/or Recommendations Regarding Redevelopment Plan for Block 28 Lots 15,16,17,18, 20 and 21 in the Borough of Netcong Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7e and N.J.S.A. 40:55D-26.

The Council put this on file.

7. Correspondence – Planning Board Member Resignation Letter – Robert Olivo

The Council discussed the content. It was noted that the Planning Board accepted this resignation.

8. Administrator Report

Mr. Blakeslee provided two updates:

1. Work continuing on revaluation- first bill has been received and approved by Assessor
2. Good news- USDA has approved noncompetitive bidding for the front door project so we can now negotiate a contract without going out to bid. Mr. Blakeslee gave details on the contractor who will be submitting a proposal for this job.

There was brief discussion on this project among the Council.

Mr. Blakeslee also noted that he will not be at next week's Council meeting.

9. Resolution 2020-33 – To Redeem Tax Sale Certificate 19-00003- 71-73 Stoll St.

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

10. Resolution 2020-34 – Authorizing the Borough Engineer to Develop an Asset Management Plan for the Municipal Water System.

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

11. Resolution 2020-35 – Authorizing the Borough Engineer to Develop an Asset Management Plan for the Municipal Sanitary Sewer System.

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

12. Resolution 2020-36 – Authorizing the Purchase of a Dock and Kayak/Canoe Accessible Transfer System for Arbolino Park from the Sourcewell National Co-Op N.J.A.C. 5:34-8.2.

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes      No: Councilman Laureys

13. Resolution 2020-37 – Authorizing the Acceptance and Execution of a Sewage Transmission Agreement Between Grace Baptist Church and the Borough of Netcong.

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

14. Resolution 2020-38 – To Urge the Department of Children & Families to Recognize Daytop Mendham as a Specialty Adolescent Substance Abuse Treatment Center.

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

15. Resolution 2020-39 – Approving a Policies and Procedures Manual for the Administration and Inspection of Federal-Aid Projects.

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

16. Resolution 2020-40 – Authorizing the Award of a Contract to Install 45'X45'X6" Concrete Pad at Arbolino Park.

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes      Abstain: Councilman Koster

17. Resolution 2020-41 – Appointing Cesario DiBernard as Temporary Part Time Laborer for DPW.

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

18. Resolution 2020-42 – Authorizing the Purchase of Security Cameras for Arbolino Park

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

19. Public Hearing for 2020 Cost Estimate for the Borough's Special Improvement District.

This was carried to the March 12 meeting.

20. Resolution #2020-43 - Resolution to Approve the 2020 Cost Estimate for the Borough's Special Improvement District.

This was carried to the March 12 meeting.

21. Ordinance Introduction – None presented

22. Proclamation – None presented

The Mayor stated he will be reading a proclamation next week for an Eagle Scout

### **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL**

Council President – Did not have anything to report at this time.

Councilman Hathaway – asked about the Council's feeling on the Morgan Funeral Home application that the Planning Board just approved. He stated there were issues with the decision about sidewalks for the Crown Point project. It was decided by the Planning Board that when Morgan's adds their parking lot their side of the street they will not need to put in sidewalks. The Mayor stated there is room to put a sidewalk but the Planning Board agreed a short sidewalk would not be necessary. Councilman Hathaway stated the Master Plan states there should be sidewalks. Councilman Hathaway is of the mindset since we are developing our downtown area, we should be putting sidewalks in to connect everything to Main St. Not having sidewalks will make that difficult. There was discussion among the Council on this subject. The Mayor explained the reasoning of the Planning Board for not forcing Morgan's to put in sidewalks. There was further discussion on this subject. He doesn't feel we can go back to Crown Point and ask them to put in sidewalks now. There was heated discussion on the particulars of this subject. Councilman Still stated we may have to change the rules for the Planning Board. Councilman Sylvester asked if this was discussed at the Planning Board meeting. The Mayor explained there was discussion on this matter. Mr. Blakeslee asked what the engineer had to say about this subject. Councilman Still stated the Council will need to let the Planning Board know they need to require sidewalks for the downtown areas. The Council was in agreement that it is not safe to walk in that area. Sidewalks would be advantageous. Councilman Hathaway

stated if they need to come back for another variance, they should be made to put sidewalks in. He noted twice that this was in the Master Plan. The Mayor stated it is very difficult to require a property owner to put a small section of sidewalk in when the adjacent properties do not have sidewalk area. Councilman Still suggested it needs to be decided whether or not sidewalks should be required in all areas of town. The Mayor explained why the Crown Point sidewalks were waived. He felt they should have been required. Councilman Still stated we have to remain uniform.

### **MAYORS COMMENTS**

In prelude to revaluation, on March 19th we will be having an open public session at 7:00 PM. The Clerk will need to place an ad in the newspaper and a sign on the door. This will also be placed on the website. Mrs. Eckert explained the tax process for seniors.

### **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

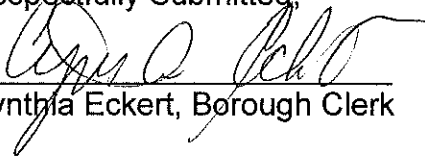
### **CLOSED SESSION**

No closed session was held at this meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A Motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway at 7:55 PM.  
Roll Call: 6 Yes

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk