

## **BOROUGH OF NETCONG**

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD MARCH 12, 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 was Mrs. Eckert, Borough Clerk.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

No minutes were presented this evening.

#### **PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING**

Mr. Wayne Anthony, 24 Dell Ave. (He is on the Planning Board but is here as resident.) He would like to know if sidewalks could be required for Planning Board applications going forward. The Mayor responded and gave explanation to the reason why there were no sidewalks required for the current project at Morgan's Funeral Home. The Mayor agreed with Mr. Anthony and gave explanation to the struggle on this subject. Mr. Anthony explained the current project for Morgan's Funeral Home would be 75 feet of sidewalk. Even though at this point there are no sidewalks on either side, sidewalks could be added later. The Mayor gave his reasons for the vote he made at the Planning Board meeting. He suggested they could go back to the other properties to require sidewalks. Councilman Hathaway stated his feelings on this matter. There was further discussion on the current project at Morgan's. Mr. Anthony feels we should have complete sidewalks going forward. Councilman Sylvester asked several questions and made several strong comments about how the Planning Board makes their choices. Mr.

Anthony was suggesting a change be made to the current code. If someone comes back for a change to their site plan. Councilman Hathaway had several strong comments on this subject. Councilman Laureys had several comments on this subject as well. Councilman Hathaway explained the situation to help Councilman Laureys understand the process. The Mayor provided several additional comments on this. Mr. Bucco read a section of the current Borough Code showing sidewalks are mentioned as a required improvement.

A Motion to Close the Meeting to the Public was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.  
Roll Call: 6 Yes

### **PROCLAMATIONS**

1. **Proclamation – Eagle Scout - David Magrini**

The Mayor attended the Eagle Scout Ceremony for David Magrini this past Sunday. Mr. Magrini was in the audience this evening. The Mayor noted the honor bestowed upon him to attend this special event. He explained the project Mr. Magrini completed. The Mayor asked David Magrini to step forward so he could present a proclamation. He congratulated David on his accomplishment. Mr. Magrini answered several questions asked by the Council. He thanked the Council for their recognition.

### **PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SID COST ESTIMATE**

A Motion to close the public hearing was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.  
Roll Call: 5 Yes      No: Councilman Laureys

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

A motion was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Albensi to approve this resolution.  
Roll Call: 5 Yes      No: Councilman Laureys

### **ORDINANCE ADOPTIONS**

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 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**

A Motion to Read Ordinance 2020-2 by Title Only on Second Reading and a Hearing Held Thereon was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Albensi.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

A Motion to Close Public Hearing was made by Councilman Albensi and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

A Motion to Adopt Ordinance #2020-2 was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Albensi.

Roll Call: 6 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.)**

A Motion to Read Ordinance 2020-3 - by Title Only on Second Reading and a Hearing Held Thereon was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Still.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

The Mayor opened the meeting to the Public.

Mrs Bernadette Dalesandro – 32 Barone Street – asked if the PILOT could be explained. The Mayor stated that it is payment in lieu of taxes. It allows a business to pay less taxes up front and give them time to build their business. The details of this type of tax break were explained. Mrs. Dalesandro asked if it is a separate payment or rolled into the regular taxes. She thanked the Council for their time.

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

A Motion to Adopt Ordinance #2020-3 was made by Councilman Hatahaway and seconded by Councilman Still.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

**3. 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**

Councilman Hathaway explained that the Planning Board caught a situation in this redevelopment plan and he feels this needs to be changed before this is adopted. Mr. Bucco gave the details on the memo received by the Planning Board about their concerns with this ordinance. Mr. Bucco suggested this ordinance be tabled this evening so these issues can be reconsidered. Councilman Hathaway gave further details on this subject. There was discussion among the Council. Councilman Hathaway suggested the Borough could sell or deed them the property. Mr. Bucco said the mechanism would be for the Borough to vacate a portion of the road, the engineer would do a meets and bounds description and then the property owner could purchase this and merge it with their lot. Councilman Laureys had several questions about the details. Councilman Hathaway said the property owner is amenable to it. There was further discussion on this matter.

A Motion to table this ordinance to April 9<sup>th</sup> meeting was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Still.  
Roll Call: 6 Yes

**CORRESPONDENCE**

No correspondence was presented at this meeting.

**BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

Presented at the March 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Finance & Insurance:            E. Still                    J. Sylvester

Councilman Still said budget is 90% done should be introduced next month.

For the month of February 2020 the Borough had a total income in the amount of \$848,988.49 as compared to February 2019 of \$1,631,113.33.

For the month of February 2020:

Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated (MRNA):  
In 2020 the Borough received \$37,190.10 compared to \$10,876.00 in 2019.

Other Licenses/Borough Clerks Fees:  
The Borough received \$13,273.41 compared to \$17,649.44 in 2019.

State Aid:

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

Grants in Aid:

The Borough didn't received any grants in February 2020 and received \$22,602.74 in February 2019.

Taxes Collected:

The Borough collected \$798,524.98 in 2020 compared to \$1,579,985.15 in 2019.

Income Total Year to Date:

The Total Income Year to date for 2020 is \$2,420,469.14 as opposed to \$2,375,171.10 in 2019.

Economic Development:      R. Hathaway      E. Still

Councilman Hathaway stated that the projects have already been discussed. He added that the Crown Point project was going well.

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

Ambulance Corp

Total Calls: 74  
Total Patients: 58  
Total Hospital Trips: 41  
Miles Traveled: 1222  
Hours Volunteered: 171 hours, 12 min.

Fire Department

Total Incidents: 12  
Total Drills: 4  
Total special Details: 3  
Total Volunteers: 45  
Total Hours: 154 hours, 35 Minutes

Police Department

Total Calls: 635  
Motor Vehicle Summons:146  
Local ordinances: 34

All agencies met regarding Covid-19. Councilman Sylvester commented on the Corona Virus outbreak.

Dept. of Public

## Works & Utilities:

E. Koster

R. Hathaway

### Road Department:

Picked up 55 Christmas trees .... Repaired a damaged Isolatek sign at Upper Flanders Rd .... Cleaned storm drain tops before heavy rains .. ..

### Water Department:

Flow test performed for Crown Walk project .... Repaired a broken curb box at 16 Union St. Installed a new water meter at 63 RR Ave .... Stothoffwell drillers performed a rehabilitation of Well 5 ... Repaired a leaking meter at 22 Kings Rd ....

### Buildings & Grounds:

Hung new shelves at municipal building .... Cut tree back near new PD shed ... Cleaned roof gutters at Boro Hall. ... Dug trench for new electric service at PD shed installed by Hewitt Electric ....

### Other:

Tom Mendel started work on the recycling tonnage report ... .Jeff Jowzowski attended a CORE pesticide class in Morris Plains .... DPW employees attended a safe dig class at the Police and Fire Academy .... DPW took pictures with the PD for new photo ID's ....

Councilman Koster spoke briefly about issues with a clogged drain pipe that DPW was able to remove. DPW did a great job! The Mayor sent a letter to Hopatcong Borough thanking them for their assistance. The Mayor gave several comments on this subject and how amazing it was to see.

## Recreation:

J. Albensi

T. Laureys

1. On Saturday, March 7th, the Recreation Commission hosted a bus trip into NYC to see Ain't Too Proud. We had a packed bus and a great time was had by all.
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 style you choose. You will take home your sign the same night. Please see details on our Facebook page.
3. Our Annual Garage Sale in person registration will take place on Saturday April 4th from 10-12. Cost is \$10. Garage Sale is May 2nd.
4. Also on April 4th will be the Easter Event co- sponsored by the Netcong Recreation Commission as well as the Netcong School PTA. The event begins at 1 pm and will include an Easter Egg Hunt, pictures with the Easter Bunny as well as ice cream from Cliffs.
5. Tai Chi will start every Saturday. Beginning Saturday May 2nd at 10:30 and run for 18 weeks.
6. Recreation is looking to book a bus trip to Beneduce Winery in Pittstown NJ for a Saturday (TBD) in September. Cost will be \$45 per person and will include your bus trip to and from the Netcong Train Station, wine tasting with souvenir glass, and appetizers.

7. Rec will be working with The Municipal Alliance for an end of summer family bash, more to come.
8. The Lenape Valley Soccer Club will be utilizing Indians Field when the Fields open and continue thru the end of their season, most likely November.

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

Dial A Ride  
Days of Service: 19  
Miles: 964  
Number of Stops:80  
Nutrition for 2 people: 16  
Food Shopping: 37  
Number of Meals on Wheels: 16  
Medical Appointments: 7  
Other Appointments: 142  
People Using Services: 42  
Cancels: 6  
Denials: 0  
Units: 298  
Hours: 94.25

### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business presented.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business was presented.

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

President Sylvester: Asked if Indian's field is booked for the entire year. He added "What are the contributions of the organization?" Councilman Hathaway said he sits on the soccer board. He has encouraged the club to use the field. The club has not made an actual commitment but they would like to make some improvements. Byram is offering to make a financial contribution for the improvements. The Mayor requested this contribution be done on a yearly basis. Councilman Hathaway provided several comments regarding this matter.

Councilman Hathaway: Regarding Lake Musconetcong, a grant has been submitted for the care of the lake and the algae bloom. Two private lakes were funded and Lake

Musconetcong was not. He provided details and does not understand why we are passed by, multiple times. There were 200-300 research hours and \$16,000.00 spent on the grant and it was ignored by the State. The Mayor gave several comments on this subject. He is requested the Borough and Mr. Bucco send correspondence to the State to oppose this decision. Mr. Bucco has already asked for an explanation to why it was not funded.

Councilman Koster and Councilman Hathaway have discussed expanding the concrete pad at DiRenzo Park as the late Councilman Albensi had always requested. Councilman Hathaway feels this would be advantageous. The Mayor made several suggestions on possibly having donations to pay for it. Councilman Hathaway feels this is the community meeting place.

He also gave a suggestion on possible walking path for the Wiltop Rd area Behind Route 80. The Mayor agreed. He asked that our engineer do some plans for these 2 projects. He requested that the Administrator contact the engineer to get an estimate and concept plan for these projects

Councilman Koster: reported that the Scott Air Pack Grant for the fire department has been submitted after much hard work done by the Mayor and Councilman Sylvester.

He also noted that we have several police officers who will be getting a 200 club award in September.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS:**

The Mayor had no comments at this time.

**RESOLUTIONS**

Mr. Bucco provided additional information regarding the first two resolutions.

1. **Resolution #2020-44** RESOLUTION COMBINING TWO AUTHORIZATIONS OF BONDS INTO A SINGLE ISSUE, DETERMINING THE FORM AND OTHER DETAILS OF NOT EXCEEDING \$3,200,000 WATER UTILITY BONDS, SERIES 2020, OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, AND PROVIDING FOR THEIR SALE TO THE NEW JERSEY INFRASTRUCTURE BANK AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY PURSUANT TO THE SFY 2020 NEW JERSEY WATER BANK FINANCING PROGRAM

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes



2. **Resolution #2020-45-** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF THE LOAN AGREEMENTS TO BE EXECUTED BY THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG AND EACH OF THE NEW JERSEY INFRASTRUCTURE BANK AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ACTING BY AND THROUGH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN ESCROW AGREEMENT, ALL PURSUANT TO THE SFY 2020 NEW JERSEY WATER BANK FINANCING PROGRAM

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

3. **Resolution #2020-46** – Approving Amended Change Order No.1 to the Contract with William J. Guarini, Inc. in the Amount of \$12,935.10 for Installation of New Water Meters.

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

### **ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS**

1. **Ordinance 2020-6-** ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

A Motion to Introduce Ordinance #2020-6 and Read by Title Only was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

A Motion to Pass Ordinance #2020-6 on First Reading was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Albensi.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

### **REPORTS**

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

### **BILLS**

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

**PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING**

Mr. Earl Reilly, President of the Lake Musconetcong Regional Planning Board thanked the Borough Council for their assistance writing the grants for the lake.

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

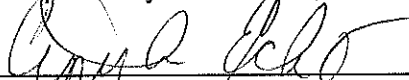
**CLOSED SESSION**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

A Motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk