

## ***BOROUGH OF NETCONG***

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD APRIL 09, 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.

This meeting was held remotely due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

### **ROLL CALL**

Those in "virtual" attendance this evening were Councilman Albensi, Councilman Hathaway, Councilman Koster, Councilman Laureys, 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**

Mr. Wayne Anthony 24 Dell Ave. wished to follow up on the sidewalk issue discussed at last week's meeting and Mr. Bucco's findings after his research. Mr. Bucco stated the question was whether the current ordinance requires sidewalks when a site plan application is submitted to the Planning Board. It is his opinion the current ordinance does require developers to put in sidewalks unless they request a waiver.

Mr. Anthony asked about the application for a parking lot that has already been approved - can it be amended. Mr. Bucco stated it would be difficult to have them come back if the resolution had already been approved. He asked if the resolution has been adopted. Mr. Anthony stated 'no.' Mr. Bucco said this issue should be raised when the resolution comes up to be adopted. Mr. Blakeslee made several comments on this issue. Mr. Sylvester asked why the Planning Board is not up to snuff on these policies and wishes of the Council. Mr. Anthony stated he is here at this meeting as a resident not a Planning Board member. Councilman Sylvester asked Mr. Bucco if his research satisfies the question about sidewalk requirements. Mr. Bucco provided an explanation on this matter and that sidewalks would be required. Mr. Anthony thanked the Council for their time.

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes

### **INTRODUCTION OF THE 2020 BUDGET**

1. **Resolution #2020-47** – Governing Body Certification of Compliance with The United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964"

A Motion was made by Councilman Albensi and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

2. **Resolution #2020-48**- Introduction of the 2020 Municipal Budget

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes

### **INTRODUCTION OF 2020 CAPITAL AND BOND ORDINANCES**

1. **Capital Ordinance 2020-7** - CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING VARIOUS EQUIPMENT ACQUISITIONS IN, BY AND FOR THE WATER UTILITY OF THE BOROUGH, APPROPRIATING THEREFOR THE SUM OF \$22,500 AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM THE WATER UTILITY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND.

A Motion to Introduce Capital Ordinance #2020-7 and Read by Title Only was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Albensi.  
Roll Call: 5 Yes

A Motion to Pass Capital Ordinance #2020-7 on First Reading was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.  
Roll Call: 5 Yes

2. **Capital Ordinance 2020-8** - CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE FUNDING OF A PORTION OF THE COST OF THE ACQUISITION OF AN ASPHALT ROLLER IN, BY AND FOR THE SEWER UTILITY OF THE BOROUGH, APPROPRIATING THEREFOR THE SUM OF \$10,500 AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM THE SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND.

A Motion to Introduce Capital Ordinance #2020-8 and Read by Title Only was made by Councilman Albensi and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.  
Roll Call: 5

A Motion to Pass Capital Ordinance #2020-8- on First Reading was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.  
Roll Call: 5 Yes

3. **Bond Ordinance 2020-9-** BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS ROAD IMPROVEMENTS IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$335,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE STATE GRANTS, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

A Motion to Introduce Bond Ordinance #2020-9 and Read by Title Only was made by Councilman Albensi and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.  
Roll Call: 5 Yes

A Motion to Pass Bond Ordinance #2020-9- on First Reading was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.  
Roll Call: 5 Yes

4. **Bond Ordinance 2020-10-** BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, NEW

COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT AND NEW INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$288,200 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

A Motion to Introduce Bond Ordinance #2020-10 and Read by Title Only was made by Councilman Albensi and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.  
Roll Call: 5 Yes

A Motion to Pass Bond Ordinance #2020-10- on First Reading was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.  
Roll Call: 5 Yes

### **PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2020 SID ASSESSMENTS**

The Mayor opened the public hearing. There were no questions or comments from the public.

A Motion to close the Public Hearing was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Albensi.  
Roll Call: 4 Yes      No: Councilman Laureys

1. **Resolution #2020-49-** Resolution Approving the Property Assessments for the Netcong Community Partnership Special Improvement District of the Borough of Netcong

A motion was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Sylvester to approve this resolution.  
Roll Call: 4 Yes      No: Councilman Laureys

2. **Resolution #2020-50** – Approving the Introduction of the 2020 Budget of the Netcong Community Partnership Special Improvement District and Authorizing a Public Hearing to Be Held Thereon

A Motion was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Albensi to approve this resolution.  
Roll Call: 4 Yes      No: Councilman Laureys

3. **Resolution 2020-51** - Resolution Articulating the Borough Council's Reasons for Disapproving the Planning Board's Review Recommendations Pertaining to

the Redevelopment Plan for Block 28, Lots 15 To 21 in the Borough of Netcong and Ordinance 2020-4 Pursuant To N.J.S.A. 40a:12a-7(E)

Mr. Bucco explained the reason for the need for this resolution. Councilman Hathaway also made comment on this as well. Councilman Sylvester asked why we are not amending this plan. Mr. Bucco gave a detailed explanation as to why the plan does not need to be amended, that the parking issue in question can be addressed later. There was discussion among the Council on the particulars of this issue and greater detail was given by Mr. Bucco. Councilman Sylvester asked for details on the issue that has been addressed by the Economic Development Committee. Councilman Hathaway gave a detailed explanation of the details of these concerns. Councilman Sylvester asked if we need to sell this portion of Borough property or if it can be leased. Mr. Bucco gave explanation on this subject. The Mayor asked why we cannot lease it to them since they have been using this area for parking for a long time. Councilman Laureys asked if any stipulations should be made before the passing of this resolution.

A Motion to Resolution #2020-51 was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.  
Roll Call: 5 Yes

### **ORDINANCE ADOPTIONS**

1. **Ordinance 2020-4** - An Ordinance Adopting the Redevelopment Plan for Block 28, Lots 15,16,17,18,19,20 and 21 in the Borough of Netcong

A Motion to Read Ordinance 2020-4 by Title Only on Second Reading and a Hearing Held Thereon was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Albensi.  
Roll Call: 5 Yes

A Motion to close the Public Hearing was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Albensi.  
Roll Call: 5 Yes

A Motion to Adopt Ordinance #2020-4 was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Albensi.  
Roll Call: 5 Yes

2. **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 Read Ordinance 2020-6 by Title Only on Second Reading and a Hearing Held Thereon was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes

A Motion to adopt Ordinance #2020-6 was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence presented at this meeting.

### **BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

Mr. Blakeslee wanted to thank Mr. Anthony and Chief Blesson for the fantastic job they have done during the corona virus pandemic. He also thanked Jennifer Meehan, Finance Clerk for being in the office for 4 weeks in a row during the pandemic to accommodate the office scheduling and for doing an excellent job during that time.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councilman Sylvester made a motion to file all the reports and was seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

#### **FINANCE & INSURANCE:**

**E. STILL**

**J. SYLVESTER**

For the month of March 2020 the Borough had a total income in the amount of \$185,702.00 as compared to March 2019 of \$96,621.01.

For the month of March 2020:

Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated (MRNA):

In 2020 the Borough received \$860.50 compared to \$1,812.50 in 2019

Other Licenses/Borough Clerks Fees:

The Borough received \$10,523.04 compared to \$18,003.91 in 2019.

State Aid:

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

Grants in Aid:

The Borough \$87,951.00 in grants in aid for March 2020 and nothing in March 2019.

Taxes Collected:

The Borough collected \$86,367.46 in 2020 compared to \$76,804.60 in 2019.

Income Total Year to Date:

The Total Income Year to date for 2020 is \$2,606,171.14 as opposed to \$2,471,792.11 in 2019.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: R. HATHAWAY E. STILL**

(no report filed)

**PUBLIC SAFETY: J. SYLVESTER E. KOSTER**

**(POLICE, FIRE, RESCUE)**

**Ambulance Corps**

Total Calls 65

Call out of town 0

Total Patients 56

Total trips to Hospital: 40

Total Miles: 1141

Total Hours: 185 hrs. 52 minutes

Total Assists: 11

**Fire Department**

Month: 43 Members Volunteered

Total: 174 Hours and 32 Minutes

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS E. KOSTER R. HATHAWAY**

Water Department:

PEOSH inspected all well sites and recommended requirements were fulfilled...Performed monthly water samples...water line repairs at 101 Allen St, 44 Dell Ave, and Dell Ave at Lake St...Advertised for April hydrant flushing....

Buildings & Grounds:

fixed ceiling panel near elevator at FH 1....Cleaned dugout area at Arbo Park...Installed FIELD CLOSED signs at Indian Field, Arbo Park, and DiRenzo Park...

**Parks & Recreation:**

Installed the new rules signs for the basketball and tennis courts....Spread new certified playground mulch and replaced damaged landscape ties at DiRenzo Park....

**Other:**

Implemented plans for Corona virus safety including but not limited to: daily briefings, social distancing, 1 man assigned vehicles, Serv pro spraying, UV light treatments, modified staffing in effort to reduce risk to the entire dept....

**RECREATION:**

**J. ALBENSI**

**T. LAUREYS**

(no report filed)

**PUBLIC SERVICES:**

**T. LAUREYS**

**J. ALBENSI**

(Human Services  
Recycling & Solid  
Waste Disposal

(no report filed)

**OLD BUSINESS**

None presented.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None presented.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL**

The Council President had no comments at this time.

Councilman Albensi had no comments at this time.

Councilman Koster: OEM, PD, Ralph, Public Safety, DPW doing great job during Corona Virus Pandemic

Councilman Hathaway wished to point out to everyone our Police Chief has gone to some lengths to do a food bank to distribute to our residents in need. Several non-profits and the Netcong community Partnership (NCP) are a part of this effort. The NCP is also giving grants to the victims of the Koch building fire and they have an important function.



Councilman Hathaway also had a Lake grant question for Senator Bucco: is there something the Borough can do to have a chance for the Lake Board to reapply. Mr. Bucco gave explanation on the particulars if there is another round. He said the application must be submitted on time. As soon as the application comes out we must get it done right away. Councilman Hathaway brought up several other issues that should be addressed even though we are in tough times now with the Covid 19 crisis Mr. Anthony was able to secure masks and face shields from the Mt. Olive high school that they are producing with their 3D printer.

### **MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

The Mayor had no comments at this time.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

1. **Resolution #2020-52-** Approving Change Order No. 1 to the Contract with Riverview paving for the Paving of Carolyn Way, Oak Street and Wiltop Rd. in the Amount of \$8,944.06.

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes

2. **Resolution #2020-53-** Authorizing the Tax Collector to Prepare and Mail Estimated Tax Bills in Accordance with P.L. 1994, C. 72

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes

3. **Resolution #2020-54-** To Redeem Tax Sale Certificate 19-00007- 50 Wiltop Rd.

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes

4. **Resolution #2020-55-** To Redeem Tax Sale Certificate 18-00004 – 22 Flanders Rd.

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes

## **ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS**

**Ordinance 2020-11-** AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Motion to Introduce Ordinance #2020-11 and Read by Title Only was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Albensi.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

A Motion to Pass Ordinance #2020-11 on First Reading was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Albensi.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

A Motion to Pass Ordinance # 2020-11 on First reading was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

## **REPORTS**

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes

## **BILLS**

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes

## **PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING**

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes

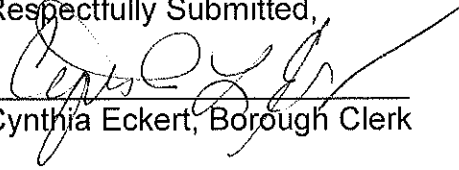
## **CLOSED SESSION**

There was no closed session this evening.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A Motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made by Councilman Hathaway at 8:24 PM and was moved by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk