

BOROUGH OF NETCONG

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD NOVEMBER 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 were Mr. Blakeslee, Borough Administrator and Mrs. Eckert, Borough Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None were presented.

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

Seeing no one stepping forward, a Motion to Close the Meeting to the Public was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

ORDINANCE ADOPTIONS

1. **Ordinance Adoptions - Ordinance –2020-19** To Amend Chapter 268 "Vehicles and Traffic" Article IX "Stop Intersections" Section 26 "Stop Intersections Designated" of the Code of the Borough of Netcong Revising Designated Stop Intersections.

A Motion to Read Ordinance 2020-19 by Title Only on Second Reading and a Hearing Held Thereon was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Still.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

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 2020-19 was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Still.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

- 2. Ordinance Adoptions - Ordinance 2020-21** – To Amend and Supplement Chapter 194 “Land Development Procedures, Article VI “Site Plan Review” and Article VII “Subdivision of Land” of the Code of the Borough of Netcong Providing Requirement of Sidewalks as a Design Standard.

A Motion to Read Ordinance 2020-21 by Title Only on Second Reading and a Hearing Held Thereon was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

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 2020-21 was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

- 3. Ordinance Adoptions - Ordinance 2020-22** – Amending Chapter 140, Construction Code, Uniform, Section 140-2, Fees of the Code of the Borough of Netcong, Morris County, New Jersey.

A Motion to Read Ordinance 2020-22 by Title Only on Second Reading and a Hearing Held Thereon by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

A Motion to Adopt Ordinance 2020-22 was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.

Roll Call: 5 Yes No: Councilman Laureys

4. Ordinance Adoptions - Ordinance 2020-23 Amendment to Shop Rite Redevelopment Plan

Mr. Blakeslee explained before the Planning Board did not adopt a resolution for this, due to several errors in the plan. He provided details regarding the errors. It is recommended to defeat this ordinance and introduce the new version later in this meeting. Mr. Bucco outlined the process for the Council.

A Motion to Read Ordinance 2020-23 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

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

A Motion to Reject Ordinance 2020-23 by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Still.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

CORRESPONDENCE

No Correspondence was presented.

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Blakeslee had no comments at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance & Insurance: E. Still J. Sylvester

For the month of October 2020, the Borough had a total income in the amount of \$858,525.98 as compared to October 2019 of \$915,447.55.

For the month of October 2020:

Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated (MRNA):

In 2020 the Borough received \$1,951.00 compared to \$2,711.50 in 2019.

Other Licenses/Borough Clerks Fees:

The Borough received \$11,628.16 in 2020 compared to \$14,672.44 in 2019.

State Aid:

In 2020, we received \$176,318.51 in state aid while we received \$58,785.90 in 2019.

Grants in Aid:

There was a Grant in Aid of \$560.00 in 2020 and \$566.00 received in 2019.

Taxes Collected:

The Borough collected \$668,068.31 in 2020 compared to \$838,711.71 in 2019.

Income Total Year to Date:

The Total Income Year to date for 2020 is \$8,555,020.87 as opposed to \$8,564,054.19 in 2019.

Economic Development: R. Hathaway E. Still

- ShopRite timeline has changed due to changes in the redevelopment plan.
- Crown Walk – returning to have final negotiation with Mayor, their engineer and our engineer, than it should be able to move forward. Hope to complete this year.

**Public Safety:
(Police, Fire, Rescue)**

J. Sylvester

E. Koster

Councilman Sylvester read the reports.

Fire Department

Total incidents: 22

Total Drills: 26

Total Admin/Equipment/Sp. Details: 35

Total Members Volunteered: 40

Total Hours: 215 Hours, 29 Minutes

Ambulance Corps

Total Calls: 42

Total Patients: 28

Total Hospital Trips: 18

Miles Traveled: 863

Total Hours: 140hours, 2 minutes

Police:

Total Calls: 445

Other information has not yet been compiled.

Mr. Blakeslee gave an update on the court report. He negotiated with them to make some changes in the percentage increase. He negotiated them down from 3% to 2%. He suggested we can reach out to other municipalities to see what they can offer but we should probably renew with Mt. Olive for now with possibly of breaking contract. Councilman Sylvester was a bit upset that they would not change their rate for this year since the court was closed for months due to Covid-19. Mt. Olive stated they still had to pay their salaried people. Councilman Sylvester feels we should shop around. There was discussion on a county wide court instead of individual towns. Mr. Blakeslee state he had seen this in another county and it did work for a time. Councilman Laureys stated going to centralization is hard to get back once it has been started. There was brief discussion on this matter.

Flashing sign on Stoll St is in place the other two signs will be installed next week.

It was also noted that the message board is not working on College Road.

**Dept. of Public
Works & Utilities:**

E. Koster

R. Hathaway

Councilman Koster read the report.

Road Department: Picked up 36 cy of grass, 65 cy of brush, and 104 cy of leaves....Speed tables were installed on College Rd and Stoll St, which included sign installation and road painting....Installed flashing solar led lighting on Stop sign at Stoll St and College Rd....Started removing flower pots from Main St. and Maple Ave....

Water Department: Performed fall hydrant flushing....George Walters was in for annual leak detection survey....Well 5 pump was set deeper and has been running with out air bubble issues....Inspected the water service tie in at the new Ben Dellamo property on Ledgewood Ave....

Buildings & Grounds: Borough Hall parking lot project completed, waiting for shipment for front door installation....

Parks & Recreation: Winterized bathrooms at Direnzo and Arbolino Park....

Recycling: Installed cameras at the recycle center to monitor dumping and well site....

Snow: A&K ran new hydraulics on the F-700 so a free sander and spinner could be installed onto the truck..

Other: Joe Fiorello has been out on disability since 9-28-20 with an injured back....Tim Hess replaced a power steering pump on the Durango for the Police Dept....Removed weed harvester from the lake....Used ozone generator to disinfect Sr. Van after Halloween judging contest....

The Council was grateful for the sander and spinner.

Recreation:

J. Albensi

T. Laureys

1. Holiday Parade – we are diligently working on our parade, and fine tuning the details.
2. Bathrooms have been painted to match the shed.
3. We have heard from Jim Fluke who has offered to decorate a few trees at DiRenzo Park in time for Christmas, providing his work on a gratis basis. We will need to provide lights. Lights will also be used during the summer concerts. Defer to Bob H on pricing as he has obtained quotes and will work with Jim on a start date. Recreation will then decorate the gazebo with a few holiday decorations to make it festive.
4. Todd Morton will be the contact for all Park/Field Usage. He will need the email access (ask Ralph). Also, we would like to start charging a field usage fee to cover seeding, aeration, and fertilization. We need to determine said fee.

Working on holiday parade. Applications are coming in. Bathrooms have been painted. Todd Morton will take over the field and use position to replace John Bauer. Brought the seeing program back to recreation They thought it was a good idea. Would like to have a dollar amount to add to the field use forms. Councilman Hathaway gave suggestion on how to calculate that. It is agreed this will improve the field and make it available for more use by the sports teams.

Jim Fluke has offered to hang some lights on the trees at DiRenzo Park for x-mas. There was brief discussion on this matter. Councilman Hathaway provided the details. The cost of the lights would be approx. \$2,500.00. Councilman Hathaway would donate the transformer and is ready to move forward. There are rope lights that would hang there permanently. Councilman Still asked if people would be donating for each tree. Councilman Hathaway gave detail in response to this question. The Mayor asked if the neighbor next to the park would be opposed to this. Councilman Hathaway will speak to her. The Council has agreed to do the lights on the tree. Councilman Albensi will provide an invoice.

**Public Services:
(Human Services
Recycling & Solid
Waste Disposal**

T. Laureys

J. Albensi

No report available.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

No old business was presented.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL

Council President wanted to speak about the legalize marijuana bill. There is a section to opt out. He noted the Council had to redo this. The current resolution is void.

Councilman Sylvester is not in favor of having this in our town. Councilman Hathaway stated we could have a zone for medical marijuana and not include recreational. Councilman Hathaway feels this should be in our industrial zone. Mr. Bucco will review what the Council already has approved. He will provide the information before the end of the year. There was discussion among the Council on this subject. Councilman Sylvester read what is and is not included.

At length discussions posted on the internet should no longer occur. This should only happen during meetings.

Councilman Koster requested that we should take the infrastructure sign down. He also mentioned the Scott pack grant and was unsure if we needed resolution for next year.

Councilman Hathaway discussed the sign issue. Viewable space is required on each side, close to what recreation wanted. We should vote on this today. Arbolino Park-DiRenzo Park – Recycle Center and Indians Field will have the signs. DiRenzo Park dedicated to Joe Albensi, Sign at Recycle Center dedicated to Cissy Laureys the Indian Head at Arbolino Park and Indians Field.

The Mayor asked a question regarding who will be posting things in these signs. Councilman Hathaway suggested recreation should have the control of what will be posted in these signs. There was discussion among the Council on the details of these signs and what will be posted in them. There was a concern there will be vandalism. Councilman Hathaway stated the cameras will be installed.

A Motion to approve the sign viewed by the council to be ordered by the DPW Super was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Albensi.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

The Mayor had no comments at this time.

RESOLUTIONS

1. **Resolution 2020-107** – Authorizing the Settlement of the 2016 & 2017 Tax Appeals Pertaining to Bock 23, Lot 3.01 Known as 35 Center St.

A Motion was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Still to approve this resolution
Roll Call: 6 Yes

2. **Resolution 2020-108** – Authorizing the Award of a Contract to Gaeta Recycling Co., Inc. for Garbage Collection and Disposal Services

A Motion was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Still to approve this resolution
Roll Call: 6 Yes

3. **Resolution 2020-109**- Authorizing the Award of a Contract to ADG Contracting Corp., Trading as Crossroads Paving for the Brookside Road, Locust Street, Dogwood Road and Helen Way Improvements Project in the Borough of Netcong, Morris County, New Jersey

A Motion was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Still to approve this resolution
Roll Call: 6 Yes

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS

1. **Ordinance 2020-24** - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 194, "LAND DEVELOPMENT PROCEDURES", ARTICLE XIV "AFFORDABLE HOUSING" OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG TO PROVIDE FOR ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT TO INCOME ELIGIBILITY AND MAXIMUM RENTAL AND SALE PRICES FOR AFFORDABLE UNITS

A Motion to Introduce Ordinance #2020-24 and Read by Title Only was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Still.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

A Motion to Pass Ordinance #2020-24 on First Reading was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Still.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

2. **Ordinance Introduction – Ordinance 2020-25** – To Amend Chapter 268 "Vehicles and Traffic," Article II "Prohibited and Time Limit Parking," of the Code of the Borough of Netcong to Add Section 4.1 "Fire Lanes"

A Motion to Introduce Ordinance #2020-25 and Read by Title Only was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

A Motion to Pass Ordinance #2020-25 on First Reading Was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Albensi.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

3. Ordinance Introduction – Ordinance 2020-26 – Amending the Revised General Ordinance of the Borough of Netcong and Establishing a New Chapter 223 “Yard Waste Collection”.

Councilman Hathaway had a concern about some of the wording. He gave detail of the changes he recommends. He gave reasons for this. There was discussion among the Council on this. Councilman Hathaway’s main concern is people dumping yard waste in the park. Mr. Bucco read portions of the ordinance that cover this. The Mayor gave an example of someone who has put yard waste in the storm drain. There was further discussion on this subject.

A Motion to Table Ordinance to the Next Meeting was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

**4. Ordinance Introduction – Ordinance 2020-27 – AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN AMENDED REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR BLOCK 28, LOTS 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 & 21 IN THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG
Plan dated 11/11/2020**

A Motion to Introduce Ordinance #2020-27 and Read by Title Only was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Still.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

A Motion to Pass Ordinance #2020-27 on First Reading was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Still.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

5. Ordinance Introduction – Ordinance 2020-28 –To Amend Chapter 194 of the Code of the Borough of Netcong Entitled “Stormwater Control” to Reflect Amendments to the New Jersey Stormwater Management Rules at N.J.A.C 7:8, Adopted March 2, 2020

A Motion to Table this ordinance was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

REPORTS

A Motion to Incorporate All Reports into the Minutes was made by Councilman Sylvester 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

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

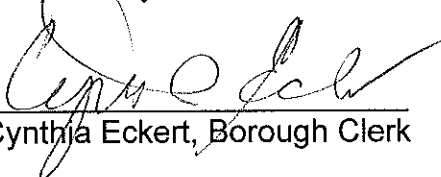
CLOSED SESSION

No closed session was held.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway at 8:38PM.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

Respectfully Submitted,



Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk