

BOROUGH OF NETCONG

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD MAY 6, 2021 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 8, 2021.
2. Publishing a notice in the Daily Record, the official newspaper of the Borough of Netcong on January 13, 2021 and mailing a copy to The Star Ledger on January 8, 2021.

ROLL CALL

Those in attendance this evening were Councilman Albensi, Councilman Hathaway, Councilman Koster, Councilman Laureys, Councilman Still and Mayor Nametko. Also, present were Mr. Blakeslee, Borough Administrator and Mrs. Eckert, Borough Clerk.

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

Seeing no one wishing to speak, the Mayor requested a motion to close.

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

Roll Call: 5 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 May 13, 2021.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Minutes – April 1, 2021**
- **Minutes – April 8, 2021**

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes (April 1)
Roll Call: 4 Yes Abstain: Councilman Hathaway (April 8)

Hearing and Adoption of the 2021 Municipal Budget

ORDINANCE ADOPTION – Ordinance 2021-7 - Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank

This ordinance was carried to the May 13th meeting.

Resolution 2021-45 -To Read the 2021 Budget by Title Only.

This resolution was carried to the May 13th meeting.

Resolution 2021-46 -To Adopt the 2021 Budget

This resolution was carried to the May 13th meeting.

Public Hearing and Adoption of SID Budget

Public Hearing SID Budget

This will be carried to the May 13th meeting.

Resolution 2021-47 – Approving the 2021 Budget for the Special Improvement District of the Borough of Netcong

This will be carried to the May 13th meeting.

Ordinance Adoption - **Ordinance 2021-8-AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

This will be carried to the May 13th meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was presented.

OLD BUSINESS - None presented.

NEW BUSINESS

Delaware Watershed Conservation Fund 2021 Conservation Action Grant

Moved to the May 13th meeting.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION – ORDINANCE 2021-9 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 194 “LAND DEVELOPMENT PROCEDURES” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG TO MAKE CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENTS PROHIBITED USES WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG.

This will be carried to the May 13th meeting.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION – ORDINANCE 2021-10 – AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF WILTOP RD. OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

This will be carried to the May 13th meeting.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION – Ordinance 2021-11 – AN ORDINANCE SELLING A PORTION OF WILTOP RD TO RONECO SHOP RITE OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

This will be carried to the May 13th meeting.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION – Ordinance 2021-12 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 105, ANIMALS, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG TO INCLUDE A NEW ARTICLE IV ESTABLISHING RESPONSIBILITIES FOR ANIMAL OWNERS AND PROHIBITING ANIMAL CRUELTY

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL

Council President – Nothing today

Councilman Hathaway would like to discuss the speed bumps allocated in the budget. The survey Mr. Blakeslee sent out for Dell and Koclas had minimal response and there were more ‘no’s’ than ‘yeses.’ Councilman Hathaway would like to do a census in his area and the Mayor would do one near Arbolino Park to see if residents near the parks would prefer speed bumps. He stated the residents near DiRenzo Park are willing to have them installed. The Mayor stated one resident on Dell mentioned to him the traffic does speed near his home. Councilman Still asked how many residents said no. Mr. Blakeslee will have this in his administrator report. The Mayor stated the speed bumps are for safety purposes and is surprised residents would not want them. He said the residents on College Rd. are pleased with the bumps installed on their street. Councilman Hathaway suggested we should proceed with the bumps near the parks for safety purposes. The Mayor would like to go to the residents that did not respond to the survey. Councilman Hathaway would also advocate for the Allen Terrace speed bumps. Mr. Blakeslee stated there is a \$20,000.00 budget for speed bumps in the Capital budget this year. There was discussion among the council if there will be enough money to do speed bumps by the parks and by Allen Terrace. Councilman Still stated he is a proponent of a one-way street for Allen Terr.

Councilman Koster stated the fire department will do something for Memorial Day since the VFW parade has been canceled. The Mayor stated he would be happy to attend. It

was suggested we do a memorial service without advertising it but by word of mouth to keep in small. The Mayor suggested we contact Mr. Bucco or Aura Dunn to attend.

Councilman Laureys had comment on the animal ordinance. He was concerned about the amount of the fees and the 90 day jail time. Councilman Still explained this has to be put in every ordinance. Mr. Laureys was concerned this was a bit excessive.

Councilman Albensi asked if the Chief can have patrolman sit by the College Rd. intersection to watch as cars are not stopping at the stop signs by College and Prospect. The Mayor suggested we notify the Chief and the sergeants.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

The Mayor had no comments at this time.

PROCLAMATION

None

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 Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

Mr. David Costanzo -27 Prospect St. He understands the issues with the stop signs. Mr. Costanzo has officially asked for the resignation of Bernadette Dalesandro as BOE president. He asked for this as a school board member. The Mayor asked if it was during a school board meeting. He sent an email. He will be bringing this up at the next board meeting. The Mayor thanked Mr. Costanzo for his time.

Mr. Angelo Baron – 10 Allen Terrace. – He wished to thank the Council for agreeing to put speed bumps on Allen Terr.

Ms. Deb O'Keeffe also thanked the Council for considering speed bumps she would prefer not to have a one-way street.

Ms. Maria DeFazio –15 Allen Terrace- would like to thank the Council for considering putting speed bumps she would prefer to not have a one-way street.

Mr. Blakeslee explained Allen Terrace is slated to be resurfaced this year. The paving would be done first and then the speed bumps would be installed. Councilman Still asked why we can't add this to the grant for the resurfacing. Mr. Blakeslee stated we can add it to the specs. He has been talking with the engineer about this. The Mayor stated we will hope to have this done by the end of the year.

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

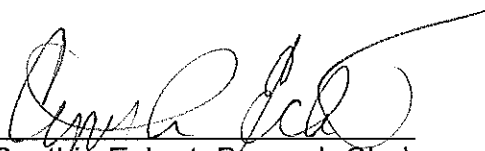
There was no closed session this evening.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway at 8:07 PM

Roll Call: 5 Yes

Respectfully Submitted,



Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk