

BOROUGH OF NETCONG

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD JULY 8, 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, Councilman Sylvester and Mayor Nametko. Also present were Mr. Blakeslee, Borough Administrator and Mrs. Eckert, Borough Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No minutes were presented at this meeting.

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

Mr. Caleb Clegg, 95 Allen St, is here to discuss his eagle scout project which he would like to begin soon. He wishes to put in bat houses in the Borough. They would be installed in local parks on posts. The mayor stated he is in favor of the project and suggested he discuss this with the DPW superintendent. The Council is in favor of this project. The mayor requested that he come back to the Council to give an update. Mr. Clegg needs the mayor to sign off on this so he can proceed. The mayor would be happy to sign this form and did so for him. The mayor asked if there were any questions. Mr. Clegg stated there are several other forms that need to be signed that he does not have available at this time. The mayor thanked Mr. Clegg for his time.

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

RESOLUTION 2021-67 TO RECOGNIZE VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

PRESENTATION OF VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

The mayor invited Mrs. Bauer and her family members to come forward for the presentation. The mayor proceeded to read the resolution for the late Mr. Bauer. He then presented the resolution to Mrs. Bauer. He also presented her with a plaque and stated his name will appear on the plaque that is hanging in the Borough Hall.

MARY PIERSON PRESENTATION

The mayor gave a few words about the late Mary Pierson and how she was involved in politics. He stated it is a great honor to have named one of the streets in town in her name. He stated how thankful everyone must be to have known her. Mr. Bucco and Assemblywoman Dunn also made statements. Mr. Bucco asked that the family come forward so he can present a few things to them. Mr. Keith Pierson and his brother stepped forward to accept the resolutions. Mr. Bucco gave a few words about how he had known Mrs. Pierson and what a leader she was as a woman in politics who broke ground for other women. Mr. Bucco stated she was known around the town, county and state. He stated he had a joint resolution from the assembly and senate. He also presented a resolution from the sheriff's office. Assemblywoman Aura Dunn stated it is an honor to be here to honor Mary Pierson. She is the 38th woman legislator in the state. She worked for Mr. Frelinghuysen and has known Keith since then. She stated everyone knew Mary. Mary worked in his legislative office and he knew her well. The retired Assemblyman Richard Kamin attended and said a few words as well.

Mr. Pierson stated he also received a citation from the County Clerk, Ann Grassi yesterday as she could not attend. Mr. Shaw director of the county commissioners stepped forward to present a resolution from the County Commissioners. He wanted to thank Mary for her contributions to Morris County. He felt it fitting to do the volunteer of the year on the same evening as Mary was such a testament to that. The Mayor then asked for a moment of silence in memory of both Mr. Bauer and Mary Pierson.

ORDINANCE ADOPTIONS

1. **Ordinance 2021-17** - An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 243 "Garbage, Rubbish, Refuse" And Chapter 155 "Fees" Of the Code of The Borough of Netcong and Amending Fees for Bulky Waste and Tire Disposal

A Motion to Read Ordinance 2021-17 by Title Only on Second Reading and a Hearing Held Thereon by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Albensi.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

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

A Motion to Adopt Ordinance 2021-17 was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Albensi.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

2. **Ordinance 2021-18** - An Ordinance To Amend Chapter 155 "Fees" Of The Code Of The Borough Of Netcong And Establishing Non-Life Hazard Inspection Fees

A Motion to Read Ordinance 2021-18 by Title Only on Second Reading and a Hearing Held Thereon was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

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

A Motion to Adopt Ordinance 2021-18 was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was presented.

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Blakeslee noted that he will have written report next week. He presented the following highlights:

- Follow up: met with owner of Netcong Tank. Noted good improvement there
- Scott Air Packs have arrived and funds will be disbursed
- Shop Rite will be coming to the Planning Board in August
- 34 bank Crown Point maintenance: bond to be released and working on deed restriction for affordable housing

Discussion took place regarding safe routes to school: preliminary report is available for review. Comments from engineer are due back at the end of July. Two catch basins at Dell and Water will be moved. He gave detail on a pipe that has collapsed in that area. Replacement of that pipe can be incorporated into the project that will be done next year. Mr. Canfield, DPW Superintendent, provided detail on this collapsed pipe.

Property Maintenance/Property Inspections

Rental Inspections/Resale Inspections

93 Allen St

18 1/2 Cross St

Netcong Heights - 24 Apartments

123 Allen St

36 Hillside

89 Stoll St

28 Church St

40 Railroad Ave

2 Carolyn Way

22 Allen Terr

Grass Warnings

5 Koclas

25 Hillside

90 Main St

85 Amendola

100 Main

3 Amendola

2 Helen Way

26 North St

117 Ledgewood Ave

8 Stoll St

Furniture out- No Bulky Stickers (everything has been removed)

141 Ledgewood Ave (couch)

3 Highland (dressers)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE & INSURANCE:

E. STILL

J. SYLVESTER

For the month of June 2021, the Borough had a total income in the amount of \$94,650.02 as compared to \$103,427.90 in June 2020.

For the month of June 2021:

Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated (MRNA):

In 2021 the Borough received \$3,072.77 compared to \$4,171.52 in 2020

Other Licenses/Borough Clerks Fees:

The Borough received \$9, 144.02 in 2021 compared to \$11,435.99 in 2020.

State Aid:

There was no State Aid received for 2021 and none in 2020.

Grants in Aid:

We received a total of \$6,567.57 for Grants in Aid for 2021 and \$6, 169.27 in 2020.

Taxes Collected:

The Borough collected \$75,865.66 in 2021 compared to \$81,651.12 in 2020.

Income Total Year to Date:

The Total Income Year to date for 2021 is \$5,148,018.81 as opposed to \$4,975,175.04 in 2020.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: R. HATHAWAY E. STILL

Councilman Hathaway stated existing projects are moving along. Councilman Albensi asked when Shop Rite will be starting. Councilman Hathaway stated they are still gathering information. Councilman Sylvester asked if they will be closing the store. It was stated they will close the store during construction. There was further discussion on when the project will take place.

***PUBLIC SAFETY: J. SYLVESTER E. KOSTER
(POLICE, FIRE, RESCUE)***

Fire Prevention:

Inspections:32
Total Field Hours: 8

Police:

Total Calls 663

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS E. KOSTER R. HATHAWAY

Councilman Koster read the DPW report and provided a report on the well log.

Road Department:

Had Roxbury sweeper in to sweep Chestnut and McMullen St after heavy storms
Picked up 32 cy of grass and 60 cy of brush Repaired pot holes throughout town
Topped off all generators with fuel delivery from Eager Oil

Water Department:

Repaired broken water boxes at 120 Allen St and 10 Amendola Dr Repaired damaged water meters found after May water meter readings

Buildings & Grounds:

Installed the new message Center at the Recycle Center Performed grass cutting at all Borough properties Filled water pots one time in June

Parks & Recreation:

Made repairs to bathroom ramp at DiRenzo park Power washed sidewalks at DiRenzo park in preparation for the sidewalk art competition and concerts 15 new cameras have been installed at Arbolino Park and a Police representative and a DPW

representative received training Trimmed weeds that were growing into the Kayak ramp

Other:

Move the farmers market trailer and cones every Monday and Friday DPW with assistance from Sgt Coppolella, started installing insulation and the air condition for the food pantry shed with electric work performed by Hewitt Electric Mike Canfield attended the 2nd quarter safety meeting with the JIF

RECREATION:

J. ALBENSI

T. LAUREYS

Councilman Albensi gave his report on the summer concerts and end of summer bash which will be on August 28th 1-4.

1. This past Sunday, Rec hosted their annual 4th of July Picnic in the Park with entertainment by Captains of Leisure. There were approximately 100 people in attendance and a good time was had by all. It was a perfect day.
2. Tomorrow night Rec welcomes for the first time Naughty Humphrey- a new group to Netcong's Summer concert Series, bringing cover tunes from the 60's to current date. In the event of rain, the concert will be held Sunday from 6-8.
3. Rec is diligently working on their End of Summer Bash which will be held on Saturday August 23th from 1-4pm. This is a combined event with Alliance.

PUBLIC SERVICES:

T. LAUREYS

J. ALBENSI

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

There was no report for this month. Councilman Albensi asked why the dumpster has not been returned for the appliances. Mr. Canfield stated the dumpster needed repair the company will be coming when 15 appliances have accumulated.

OLD BUSINESS

None presented.

NEW BUSINESS

None presented.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL

Councilman Still remarked that it was a nice night to honor Mr. Bauer and Mary Pierson.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

The mayor had no comments at this time.

RESOLUTIONS

1. **Resolution 2021-68** Consenting to the Appointment of Jessica Parks as a Recreation Commission Member
2. **Resolution 2021-69-** Consenting to the Appointment of Cie Albensi as a Municipal Alliance Member
3. **Resolution 2021-70** – Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Fiscal Grant Cycle July 2020-June 2025
4. **Resolution 2021-71-** Authorizing the Cancellation of Outstanding Checks
5. **Resolution 2021-72** - Resolution Of The Borough Council Of The Borough Of Netcong, In The County Of Morris, New Jersey, Covenanting To Comply With The Provisions Of The Internal Revenue Code Of 1986, As Amended, Applicable To The Exclusion From Gross Income For Federal Income Tax Purposes Of Interest On Obligations Issued By The Borough Of Netcong And Authorizing The Mayor, Borough Clerk, Chief Financial Officer And Other Borough Officials To Take Such Action As They May Deem Necessary Or Advisable To Effect Such Compliance And Designating A \$2,044,783 Bond Anticipation Note, Dated July 9, 2021 And Payable July 8, 2022, As A "Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligation" Pursuant To Section 265(B)(3) Of The Internal Revenue Code Of 1986, As Amended.
6. **Resolution 2021-73-** Authorizing a Public Display of Fireworks by the St. Cesario Society at Arbolino Park
7. **Resolution 2021-74-** Authorizing a Display of Fireworks in the Borough of Netcong by the Assumption Society

A Motion to Approve all the seven ordinances noted above was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Koster.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS

Ordinance 2021-19- An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 268 "Vehicles and Traffic", Article IX, Stop Intersections, Of the Code of The Borough of Netcong Providing for A Four Way Stop Intersection at Water Street and Dell Avenue

A Motion to Introduce Ordinance #2021-19 and Read by Title Only Was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Still.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

A Motion to Pass Ordinance #2021-19 on First Reading was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Still.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

REPORTS

A Motion to Incorporate All Reports into the Minutes was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Albensi.
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 was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

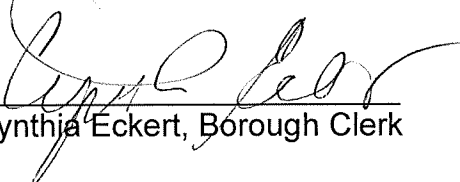
CLOSED SESSION

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 8:15 M and was moved by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,


Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk