

BOROUGH OF NETCONG

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD SEPTEMBER 9, 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.

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

Seeing no one wishing to speak, 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. Capital Ordinance 2021-20 - Capital Ordinance to Appropriate The Sum Of \$60,000 For The Acquisition Of Police Body Cameras And Related Equipment In, By And For The Borough Of Netcong, In The County Of Morris, State Of New Jersey, And Providing That Such Sum So Appropriated Shall Be Raised From A State Grant, Borough Reserve Funds And The Capital Improvement Fund Of The Borough.

A Motion to Read Capital Ordinance 2021-20 by Title Only on Second Reading and a Hearing Held Thereon was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Koster.

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 Capital Ordinance 2021-20 was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

Councilman Laureys asked how long it would take to get the cameras. Mr. Blakeslee suggested 30-60 days. The mayor stated there is training to go along with it as well.

CORRESPONDENCE

None presented.

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Blakeslee noted he would have the draft personnel policy next week but he has it available today. He stated some of the contents. He asked the Council to review it and give him feedback on it. He explained there are certain sections that are required by the JIF.

He also provided the Council with the current road projects and the update. Councilman Still asked if there will be sidewalks installed on Hillside Ave. Mr. Blakeslee stated it is included in the project. The mayor asked if that included both sides of the road.

AUGUST 2021 - MAINTENANCE INSPECTION REPORT

INSPECTIONS CONDUCTED:

69 Allen St

52 Allen St-2 Units

25 Kings Rd
10 Ledgewood Ave
17 Ledgewood Ave
100 A Stoll St
128 Main St 2 Units
45 Railroad Ave
32 Railroad Ave
26 Maple Ave
31 Dell Ave
26 Maple Ave
31 Dell Ave
110 Stoll St-2 Units
112 Stoll St
114 Stoll St
116 Stoll St
9 Union St-2 Units
28 Barone St
Netcong Heights - 15 Apartments Inspected - Change of tenants
Netcong Heights -- Annual Rental Inspections
Bldgs. 1 -12
12 apartments in each building (Total of 144 Apartments
Maintenance Issues - Grass Cutting
62 Koclas
77 Allen St
31 Ledgewood
38 Center St
94 Main St
Misc. Maintenance Issues
56 Railroad Ave
garbage bags on curb
93 Allen St
dresser on curb

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance & Insurance: E. Still J. Sylvester

Councilman Still stated the memo has gone out for budget requests.

For the month of August 2021, the Borough had a total income of \$1,345,697.17 as compared to \$1,905,510.97 in August 2020.

For the month of August 2021:

Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated (MRNA):

In 2021 the Borough received \$1,693.50 compared to \$2,305.65 in 2020

Other Licenses/Borough Clerks Fees:

The Borough received \$16,953.66 in 2021 compared to \$1,922.53 in 2020.

State Aid:

There was \$176,357.70 in 2021 and the same amount in 2020.

Grants in Aid

We did not receive \$21,652.56 in 2021 and \$436.15 in 2020.

Taxes Collected:

The Borough collected \$1,065,488.10 in 2021 compared to \$1,724,488.94 in 2020.

Income Total Year to Date:

The Total Income Year to date for 2021 is \$8,102,792.55 as opposed to \$7,567,167.18 in 2020.

Economic Development: R. Hathaway E. Still

Councilman Hathaway – Not much new news. Current issues are moving forward. The A/C issues with Mr. O'Brien has been addressed.

Shoprite has not been to the Planning Board yet, he suspects the DOT application is holding up the progress.

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

Police Department

Total Calls:663

Motor VehicleSummons:55

Local Summons:2

Fraud: 2 cases

The department is up over 1500 calls between 2019 and 2021. Involved in 2 fraud cases and child abuse cases. New Chief and Lt. are making headway on expungements and the evidence locker. Paige Mosner has left the Borough.

Fire Department

Incidents: 14
Drills: 4
Admin/Special: 1
Total Volunteers: 46
Total Hours: 276 hours, 49 minutes

The FD went to the Boonton Labor Day parade and won 1st for marching.

Dept. of Public

Works & Utilities: E. Koster R. Hathaway

Road Department: Picked up 40 cy of hedge trimmings and storm brush....Picked up 28 cy of grass.... Installed new 25 mph signs on RR Ave....Vacuumed Main St and Maple Ave on Mondays and Fridays....Re-graded eroded areas on Ikes Lane.... Worked on servicing PD vehicles....Repaired a washed out area on Down St.... Trimmed back the sides of Waterloo Rd and Love Lane....

Water Department: Replaced broken hydrant on Allen St at Stoll St....

Buildings & Grounds: Cut and maintained all Borough properties....Painted the floor of the food pantry shed....FH 1 and 2 received upgrades from Optimum.....

Parks & Recreation: Ian O'Connell installed the new chess table at DiRenzo Park as part of his Eagle Scout project....

Snow: Began the process of hooking up sanders on the mason dumps to get ahead of any potential delays with parts ordering..... The plow contract was awarded to Fairmount Const for the 2021-22 season.....

Other: Picked up and returned lights and barricades to the County for the Assumption fireworks with assistance from Sgt. Coppolella....

Pumped 2,755,900 gallons less than 2020

Recreation: J. Albensi T. Laureys

Recreation held an End of Summer Bash on 8/28 from 1-4pm. Families were treated to a juggling act and entertainment from jo-jo the entertainer The Morris County Sheriff's office attended as well with several of their vehicles and Hope One. Attendees were able to participate in Narcan training and kits once completing the training. Recreation cooked hotdogs and provided water and ice cream donated by Cliffs to all attendees

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

Dial a Ride Report August

Days of Service: 21
Miles: 720
of stops: 39
Nutrition: 0
Food Shopping: 32
Meals on Wheels: 17
Medical Appointments: 26
Other Appointments: 7
People Using Services: 16
Cancels: 3
Denials: 0
Units: 66
Hours: 79

OLD BUSINESS

None presented.

NEW BUSINESS

1. 31 Ledgewood Ave. Property Maintenance

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL

Council President – when are we doing road sweeping. Mr. Blakeslee will check with Mr. Canfield.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

The mayor had no comments at this time.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution 2021-92-To Redeem Tax Sale Certificate 19-00002- Block 6 Lot 18

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

2. Resolution 2021-93- Authorizing the Purchase of Body Worn Camera and Evidence Management Software, New Jersey State Contract No. 17-FLEET-00793 (T0106)

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

3. Resolution 2021-94- To Appoint Andrew Taveras as Patrolman for the Netcong Police Department

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS

1. Ordinance 2021-21 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 268, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, ARTICLE VIII, SCHEDULES, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY BY AMENDING THE PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON STOLL STREET.

A Motion to Introduce Ordinance #2021-21 and Read by Title Only was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Albensi.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

A Motion to Pass Ordinance #2021-21 on First Reading was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

2. Ordinance 2021-22 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 217, "PARKS", OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG BY PROHIBITING

THE SPITTING OF CHEWING TOBACCO AND THE PLAYING OF MUSIC WITHOUT THE USE OF EARPHONES

A Motion to Introduce Ordinance #2021-22 and Read by Title Only was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Albensi.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

A Motion to Pass Ordinance #2021-22 on First Reading was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Albensi.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

3. Ordinance 2021-23 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 112 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG "BRUSH AND HEDGES"

i.

A Motion to Introduce Ordinance #2021-23 and Read by Title Only was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Albensi.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

Motion to Pass Ordinance #2021-23 on First Reading.

4. Ordinance 2021-24 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG AND PROHIBITING SMOKING ON BOROUGH PROPERTY

i.

A Motion to Introduce Ordinance #2021-24 and Read by Title Only was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Still.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

A Motion to Pass Ordinance #2021-24 on First Reading was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Still.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

REPORTS

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

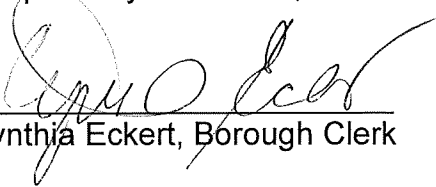
CLOSED SESSION

No closed session this evening.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway at 7:55PM and was moved by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk