

BOROUGH OF NETCONG

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD OCTOBER 14, 2021 AT THE NETCONG MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 23 MAPLE AVENUE, NETCONG, NEW JERSEY COMMENCING AT 7:30 PM.

The meeting was called 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 Laureys, and Councilman Sylvester. Also present were Mr. Blakeslee, Borough Administrator and Mrs. Eckert, Borough Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No minutes were presented.

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: 4 Yes

ORDINANCE ADOPTIONS

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 Read Capital Ordinance 2021-21 by Title Only on Second Reading and a Hearing Held Thereon was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Albensi.
Roll Call: 4 Yes

A Motion to Close Public Hearing.was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Albensi.
Roll Call: 4 Yes

A Motion to Adopt Ordinance 2021-21 was made by Councilman Albensi and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.
Roll Call: 4 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 Read Ordinance 2021-22 by Title Only on Second Reading and a Hearing Held Thereon was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Albensi.
Roll Call: 4 Yes

A Motion to Close Public Hearing Was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Albensi.
Roll Call: 4 Yes

A Motion to Adopt Capital Ordinance 2021-22 was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Albensi.
Roll Call: 4 Yes

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

A Motion to Read Capital Ordinance 2021-23 by Title Only on Second Reading and a Hearing Held Thereon was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Albensi.
Roll Call: 4 Yes

A Motion to Close Public Hearing was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Albensi.
Roll Call: 4 Yes

A Motion to Adopt Capital Ordinance 2021-23 was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Albensi.
Roll Call: 4 Yes

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

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A Motion to Read Capital Ordinance 2021-24 by Title Only on Second Reading and a Hearing Held Thereon was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Albensi.

Roll Call: 4 Yes

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

Roll Call: 4 Yes

A Motion to Adopt Capital Ordinance 2021-24 was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Albensi.

Roll Call: 4 Yes

CORRESPONDENCE

EcolSciences, Inc. Letter- 34 Bank St.

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Blakeslee thanked Councilman Laureys for correcting an error in the report. It was relative to the intersection on 183 and Maple 'Ave. along with the attorney to get a meeting together to deal with this issue.

Update Elm Street water main preconstruction meeting on Monday. Helen Way starting now on a collapsed drain.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance & Insurance: E. Still J. Sylvester

The finance report was put on file since Councilman Still was absent for this meeting.

For the month of September 2021, the Borough had a total income in the amount of \$248,357.61 as compared to \$132,636.21 in September 2020.

For the month of September 2021:

Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated (MRNA): In 2021 the Borough received \$1,879.00 compared to \$4,641.00 in 2020

Other Licenses/Borough Clerk's Fees: The Borough received \$10,479.11 in 2021 compared to \$7,256.31 in 2020.

State Aid: There was \$117,571.80 in 2021 and nothing in 2020.

Grants in Aid: We did not receive any grants in 2021 and \$6,214.40 in 2020.

Taxes Collected: The Borough collected \$118,427.70 in 2021 compared to \$114,464.50 in 2020.

Income Total Year to Date: The Total Income Year to date for 2021 is \$8,351,150.16 as opposed to \$7,699,803.39 in 2020.

Economic Development: R. Hathaway E. Still

Councilman Hathaway reported projects are status quo.

Mr. Blakeslee stated Shop Rite has submitted their plans to the planning board today. The Council was pleased to hear this.

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

Councilman Sylvester read his reports

Councilman Sylvester reported that they had a great meeting with the police tonight. He provided a report of the speed radar on Allen Terrace and Dell Ave. There was discussion about making Allen Terrace a one-way street and Maple Ave onto Rt. 183 a right turn only. Mr. Bucco stated we can do it but we will need to have the Borough Engineer complete a study to see if it meets the uniform traffic code. It may also need DOT approval since it involves Rt. 183. There was discussion among the Council about the reasons for the changes. There was also discussion about one side of the street parking for Prospect St. and the parking issues on Jenny Lind and Bank St.

Police

Total Calls: 659

Fire Company

Incidents: 13

Drills: 2

Admin/other:6

Total Hours Volunteered: 435 hours 32 minutes

Total Volunteers: 43

Dept. of Public

Works & Utilities: E. Koster R. Hathaway

Councilman Hathaway read the DPW report.
D.P.W. Monthly Report October 2021

Road Department: Picked up 44 yds of brush, and 32 yds of grass.... Installed new stop signs on Dell Ave at Water St....Replaced a damaged drain pipe at the DPW garage.... Repaired a catch basin on Maple Ave....

Water Department: Repaired a broken hydrant on Ledgewood Ave....

Sewer Department: Performed training on the use of the sewer jet and cleaned a length of sewer main on Ledgewood Ave....

Buildings & Grounds: Peterson tree service reinstalled FH 1 siren and Wires electric did the wiring.... Moore pest control treated a carpenter bee problem at the Indian Field buildings....Cut grass at all Borough properties....

Other: finished building and installing food pantry shelving....Put up American flags in memory of 9/11....DPW cleaned and cut the property at 31 Ledgewood Ave...DPW watched safety videos and training videos through the MEL....Dan Meorado gave his 2 week notice and we offered his position to the next candidate from the last interview process, Thomas Patterson... Mike attended the 3rd qtr safety meeting....

Recreation: J. Albensi T. Laureys

Councilman Albensi provided the following report:

Saturday Oct. 23 Trunk or Treat need a light truck
Working on the Holiday Parade

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

Councilman Laureys read the dial a ride report.

September 2021
Days of Service: 21
Miles: 758
of Stops: 38
Nutrition: 0
Food Shopping: 27
of Meals on Wheels: 17
Medical Appointments: 8
Other appointments: 8
People Using Services: 19
Cancels: 3
Denials: 0
Units: 76
Hours: 75.5

OLD BUSINESS

None presented

NEW BUSINESS

Best Practices Worksheet

Mr. Blakeslee stated we scored in the 90's. There was no need for a resolution, this just needed to be on the record at a council meeting.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL

Councilman Hathaway informed the Council that the farmers market has been extended to Nov 27th. He also provided an update on the Lake Board-Hydro rake being sold to the original builder- the Lake Board will be able to do some innovative things with the funds. The DEP made the use of the hydro rake impossible. There was brief discussion among the Council on this subject.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

The Mayor was not present this evening.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2021-100- Resolution Authorizing Entering Into A Grant Agreement With The State Of New Jersey Department Of Law And Public Safety To Fund The Purchase Of Body Worn Cameras To Be Used By The Netcong Borough Police Department

A Motion was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Albensi.
Roll Call: 4 Yes

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS

Introduction – Ordinance –2021-25 - 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 BANK STREET AND ADDING RESTRICTIONS ON JENNY LIND STREET

A Motion to Introduce Ordinance #2021-25 and Read by Title Only was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Albensi.
Roll Call: 4 Yes

A Motion to Pass Ordinance #2021-25 on First Reading was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Albensi.
Roll Call: 4 Yes

REPORTS

A Motion to Incorporate All Reports into the Minutes was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Albensi.
Roll Call: 4 Yes

BILLS

A Motion to Pay All Bills When Funds are Available was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Albensi.
Roll Call: 4 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: 4 Yes


CLOSED SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Albensi at 7:58PM.
Roll Call: 4 Yes

Respectfully submitted,



Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk