

# **RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING/REGULAR MEETING**

**JANUARY 13, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER 7:00**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT STATEMENT**

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.

**STATEMENT OF DETERMINATION**

**SWEARING IN OF COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Councilman Joseph W. Albensi III  
Todd Morton

**ROLL CALL**

**MAYOR COMMENTS**

**SELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT** - Council Appointment

Motion to appoint Jack Sylvester Council President

**ANNOUNCEMENT – VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**

Presentation and approval of resolution to be held at the February regular meeting.

**SWEARING IN OF FIRE CHIEF AND ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF**

Fire Chief - Duane Hartle  
Assistant Fire Chief – Raymond Bock

**SWEARING IN OF POLICE CHIEF**

Russell Van Houten

**SWEARING IN OF POLICE LIEUTENANT**

Anthony Coppolella

**SWEARING IN OF POLICE SERGEANT**

Joseph Matits

**Comments from Police Chief**

**APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:**

(Mayor’s Recommendation with Advice & Consent of the Council)

Finance & Insurance:            E. Still                    J. Sylvester

Economic Development:       R. Hathaway            E. Still

Public Safety:                    J. Sylvester                T. Laureys

(Police, Fire, Rescue)

Dept. of Public Works & Utilities:	J. Albensi	R. Hathaway
Recreation:	T. Morton	J. Albensi
Public Services: (Human Services Recycling & Solid Waste Disposal)	T. Laureys	T. Morton

Motion to approve the above listed committee assignments.

**MAYOR APPOINTMENTS** (Requires Advice and Consent of the Council)

Zoning Officer/Code Enforcement Officer: Ralph Blakeslee (1 Year)

Deputy Code Enforcement Officer: James Arbolino (1Year term)

Deputy Borough Clerk: Ralph Blakeslee

Deputy Tax Collector: None

Sewer Collector: Ralph Blakeslee

Deputy Sewer Collector: Cynthia Eckert

Water Collector: Ralph Blakeslee

Deputy Water Collector: Cynthia Eckert

Assessment Searcher: Cynthia Eckert

Recycling Coordinator: Joseph Fiorello

Clean Communities Coordinator: Michael Canfield

Assistant Public Works Superintendent: Timothy Hess

Fire Official: Mark Sylvester – Cert. #177302 (1 Year term)

Fire Prevention Inspector/Fire Investigator: Michael Pellek – Cert. #101410 (1 Year term)

Fire Prevention Inspector: Kyle Bolan -Cert. #184010 (1 Year term)

Special Police Officer (Class II) Harry Garlick  
Daniel Rafferty

Police Matron: Shannon Bock

School Crossing Guards: (N.J.S.A.40A40:9-154.1-1 yr. terms)  
Donna Crawn  
Benjamin Dalessandro  
William Hart  
Sandra Mendel  
Ralph Simmerano  
Melissa Sylvester  
Steven Vervaet

Alternates:

Tom Patamia  
Frank Schomp

Motion to Approve the Above Listed Appointments.

Lake Musconetcong Regional Planning Board: None

Board of Health: Alan Cook -(3 Year Term Exp. 12/31/24)  
Barbara Repp - (3 Year Term Exp. 12/31/24)  
Henry Repp - (3 Year Term Exp. 12/31/24)

Motion to Approve the Above Listed Appointments.

Planning Board: Class 1 - Mayor Joseph Nametko (1 Year term-No  
Action Required)

(Mayor Appointments – No Vote Required)

Class 2 – Wayne Anthony (1 Year term)

Class 4- Thomas Huffman (4 Year Term Exp. 12/31/25)

Class 4- Theresa Vervaet (4 Year Term Exp. 12/31/25)

(Council Appointment)

Class 3 – Joseph W. Albensi (1 Year term) Council Representative

Motion to approve the Class 3 Appointment.

Recreation Commission: (Mayor Appt.-No vote required)

Joseph DiRenzo - 5 Year Term – Expires 12/31/2026

Alan Cook - 5 Year Term – Expires 12/31/2026

Sara Benson - 5 Year Term – Expires 12/31/2026

Todd Morton - Council Liaison (1 Year term) (Council Appointment)

Motion to approve Council Appointment:

Municipal Alliance Committee:

Joseph W. Albensi – Council Liaison (1 Year term)

Motion to approve Council Appointment:

## **COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS**

Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee Appointments for 2022:

Joseph W. Albensi - (Appointment by Mayor)

Ralph Blakeslee, Alternate - (Appointment by Mayor)

Joseph A. Nametko, Mayor - (Appointment by Governing Body)

Motion to approve the above listed appointment.

Alternate Animal  
Control Officer:

Joseph Fiorello (1 Year term)

Motion to approve the above listed appointment

## **SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF NETCONG BOROUGH, INC.**

### **Appointment of Trustees:**

Joseph A. Nametko, Mayor, Ex Officio

Robert Hathaway, Council Representative (Appointed by Council - 1year term)

Leigh Ann Von Hagen Pietz, Borough Resident (2 year term)

Motion to adopt the above referenced appointments.

**RESOLUTIONS**

1. Resolution #2022-1 To Honor Volunteers
2. Resolution #2021-2 Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Professional Services for the Borough Attorney, Anthony M. Bucco, Esq. for 2021.
3. Resolution #2022-3 Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Professional Services for Special Tax Counsel, Fred Semrau, Esq. for 2022.
4. Resolution #2022-4 Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Professional Services for Borough Auditor, Valerie Dolan of Nisivoccia LLP for 2022.
5. Resolution #2022-5 Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Professional Services for the Borough Engineer, John Ruschke of Mott McDonald for 2022.
6. Resolution #2022-6 Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Professional Services for the Bond Council to Steven Rogut of Rogut McCarthy, LLC
7. Resolution #2022-7 Depositories for 2022 as Follows:  
Fulton Bank Inc.  
Valley Bank  
TD Bank  
New Jersey Cash Management Fund
8. Resolution #2022-8 Official Newspapers as Follows:  
Daily Record and The Star Ledger
9. Resolution #2022-9 Resolution Designating Newspapers to Receive Notices and Fixing Charges.
10. Resolution #2022-10 Fixing Rates of Interest (8%) and Penalty on Delinquent Taxes, (18%) Assessments and Other Municipal Charges.
11. Resolution #2022-11 Authorizing Investments by the Borough in Certain Bonds and Other Obligations.

12. Resolution #2022-12 Regular Public Meeting Dates and Work Session Dates of the Borough Council of the Borough of Netcong.

13. Resolution #2022-13 Authorizing Temporary Budgets for The Borough of Netcong as Provided by N.J.S.A.40A:4-19.

14. Resolution #2022-14 To Appoint Ralph Blakeslee and Elmer Still, As Commissioner and Alternate for the Morris County Joint Municipal Insurance Fund.

15. Resolution #2022-15 To Appoint Ralph Blakeslee as Public Agency Compliance Officer.

16. Resolution #2022-16 - To Appoint the Vozza Agency as the Borough of Netcong's Risk Management Consultant.

17. Resolution #2022-17 - To Appoint Ralph Blakeslee as Housing Liaison Officer.

18. Resolution #2022-18 – Governing Body Certification of Compliance with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commissions "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964"

19. Resolution #2022-19 – To Appoint Christie Stachnick as Interim Qualified Purchasing Agent

Motion to Adopt Resolutions 2022-1 to 2022-19

**END REORGANIZATION MEETING**

**BEGIN REGULAR MEETING 7:43 pm**



**BOROUGH OF NETCONG**

**AGENDA**

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING – January 13, 2022**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Agenda Meeting – December 2, 2021

Regular Meeting – December 9, 2021

Motion to Approve the Above Listed Minutes.

**PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING**

Motion to Close the Meeting to the Public.

**ORDINANCE ADOPTIONS**

None

**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. None

**BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Finance & Insurance:                      E. Still                      J. Sylvester

Economic Development:                      R. Hathaway                      E. Still

Public Safety:                      J. Sylvester                      T. Laureys  
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**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **New Business**-Appointment of Daniel Esposito. as a Junior Firefighter for Fire Co. No. 2

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL**

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

**RESOLUTIONS**

1. **Resolution 2022- 21**-Resolution Authorizing A Modification To A Federal Aid Agreement With The NJDOT.
2. **Resolution 2022-22** – Authorizing a Tax Refund for Block 10 Lot 21, 12 Allen Terrace

**Resolution Voted by block**

**PROCLAMATION**

Netcong Borough School Choice Week

**ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS**

None

**REPORTS**

Motion to Incorporate All Reports into the Minutes

**BILLS**

Motion to Pay All Bills When Funds are Available

**CLOSED SESSION**

None

**ADJOURNMENT 7:51**

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting