

## ***BOROUGH OF NETCONG***

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD JULY 7, 2022 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**

The Borough Clerk read the following 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 14, 2022.
2. Publishing a notice in the Daily Record, the official newspaper  
of the Borough of Netcong on January 19, 2022 and emailing a  
copy to the Star Ledger on January 14, 2022.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Those in attendance this evening were Councilman Albensi, Councilman Hathaway, Councilman Morton, Councilman Laureys, Councilman Sylvester, Councilman Still and Mayor Nametko. Also present was Mr. Blakeslee, Borough Administrator.

#### **PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING**

A Motion to close the meeting to the public was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Hathaway as no one stepped forward.

#### **AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

*The following items are for discussion purposes only. Any action on these items will take place at the meeting of July 14, 2022.*

Councilman Laureys noted that in the June 2, 2022 meeting minutes, page 2, "Councilman Blakeslee" should be corrected to read "Mr. Blakeslee. The minutes were approved with the correction.

**1. Minutes – June 2, 2022**

**2. Minutes – June 9, 2022**

A motion was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Sylvester to approve the minutes with the change noted.  
Roll Call: 6 Yes

### **ANNUAL AUDIT Resolutions**

3. **Resolution #2022-83** - Certification of the Annual Audit.

To be carried to the July 14 Meeting.

4. **Resolution #2022-84** -To Approve the 2021 Corrective Action Plan.

To be carried to the July 14 Meeting.

5. **Ordinance Adoptions –Ordinance 2020-10** - 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 Prospect Street

To be carried to the July 14 Meeting.

6. **Correspondence** – Letter from Planning Board – Electronic Plans. Discussion took place and Councilman Hathaway noted that some members of the public may not have access to a computer with a larger screen. He noted that reviewing plans on small screens, including smart phones would be problematic. He recommended that the requirement to submit paper copies of applications and plans not be eliminated from the code. There was general agreement to this recommendation and Councilman Albensi, the governing body representative. Councilman Albensi stated that he would bring this recommendation back to the Planning Board.

7. **Old Business** – None presented.

8. **New Business-** Social Affair Permit – St. Cesario Society

A motion was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway to grant the permit.

9. **New Business** – Proposed Changes to Chapter 157 Fire Prevention.

Councilman Laureys noted that on Page 4 of the draft changes submitted by the Fire Official, section B, notes that the Fire Official “shall not be removed from office except for cause, after public trial.” He questioned the use of “public trial” in removing an employee of the Borough. Discussion took place and Fire Official Mark Sylvester came forward to address the governing body. He reported that specific wording was left over from the original wording and is not part of his recommendation. After additional discussion Mr. Blakeslee stated that unless there was any objection, he would forward the draft to Mr.

Bucco so that it can be introduced at the July 14<sup>th</sup> meeting, noting that the subject wording will be addressed.

10. **Resolutions – Resolution 2022-65** - Adopting a Master Technology Policy for the Borough of Netcong

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

11. **Resolutions – Resolution 2022-78** – Approval to Submit a Grant Application for the Transit Village Grant Program and Execute a Grant Contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Main St. Rehabilitation Project.

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

12. **Resolutions – Resolution 2022-79** – Approval to Submit a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Center Street Road Improvement Project

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

13. **Resolutions – Resolution 2022-80** - Authorizing a Public Display of Fireworks by the St. Cesario Society at Arbolino Park

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

14. **Resolutions – Resolution 2022-81** - 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 \$1,991,220 Bond Anticipation Note, Dated July 8, 2022 And Payable July 7, 2023, As A "Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligation" Pursuant To Section 265(B)(3) Of The Internal Revenue Code Of 1986, As Amended.

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

**15. Resolutions – Resolution 2022-82** - Authorizing the Award of a Contract to Northeast Water Technology to Provide Water Leak Detection Services for the Borough of Netcong

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL**

Councilman Morton requested that summer Concert in the Parks be announced via the Borough SwiftReach system. Councilman Albensi requested that an announcement also be added to the Borough message boards.

Councilman Hathaway thanked the Council and Police for their help.

**MAYORS COMMENTS**

None presented at this time.

**PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING**

A Motion to Close the Meeting to the Public was made by Councilman Still 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 7:52 PM.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk