

BOROUGH OF NETCONG

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD OCTOBER 6, 2022 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

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 Laureys, Councilman Hathaway, Councilman Morton, and Councilman Still. Also present was Mr. Blakeslee, Borough Administrator and Mrs. Eckert, Borough Clerk

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

Mrs. Bernadette Dalesandro, of 32 Barone St., asked about the resolution for the development agreement. Mr. Blakeslee explained FJZ got approval at the Planning Board meeting and he has negotiated to build a sidewalk opposite his property along Arbolino Field. She asked why this occurred. Mr. Blakeslee explained it was to his advantage. She asked about the resolution for the tax refund. The tax Collector explained they filed for a tax appeal that was granted.

She also asked about the Mountain View need for development. Councilman Hathaway explained the reasons for this. He explained the developer now has control of the property. In order for them to develop the area it must be deemed a redevelopment to proceed and the Planning Board must approve that first. He then went on to explain how this process works and how it has been done for previous developers. He gave details on the process being done for this current developer. He explained Mt. View will be developing the property. She asked why the Dellamo property has been included. Councilman Hathaway explained why and how this has occurred. She asked if the

purchase of this property was key to the development. Councilman Hathaway stated it could have been but that was not the intent of the borough. She asked if she could OPRA any of the discussions on this. She was told she could OPRA any public records including any emails sent to the borough. She thanked the Council for their time

Mrs. Debbie Keeffe, of 17 Allen Terrace, would like to know why the speed tables have not been installed on Allen Terrace. She is concerned about the lack of communication on this subject.

She is also concerned about the trash that is in the town. She would like to know if the borough can have some volunteers to help clean the streets. Councilman Hathaway stated we may be able to find some volunteers to do this. Councilman Laureys asked if she had called the police or borough hall on this matter. She suggested the town send out communication in multi-language to encourage people to clean up. She asked for a mailing or notices around town for this. Mr. Blakeslee explained that Hispanic translation costs money. Councilman Hathaway stated Hispanic people can do translating on their phones. However, more signs could be put in place around town. She thanked the Council for their time.

A Motion to close the meeting to the public was made by Councilman Morton and seconded by Councilman Albensi.
Roll Call: 5 Yes

AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

The following items are for discussion purposes only. Any action on these items will take place at the meeting of October 13, 2022.

1. **Minutes** – Agenda Meeting – September 1, 2022
Regular Meeting – September 8, 2022

A Motion was made to approve the minutes with a modification on Page 5, as noted by Councilman Hathaway, by Councilman Albensi and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.
Roll Call: 5 Yes

2. **Ordinance Adoptions** – Bond Ordinance 2022-14- Bond Ordinance to Authorize the Acquisition of a Senior Citizens Bus In, By and For the Borough of Netcong, In the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, To Appropriate The Sum of \$110,000 To Pay The Cost Thereof, To Make A Down Payment, To Authorize The Issuance Of Bonds To Finance Such Appropriation And To Provide For The Issuance Of Bond Anticipation Notes In Anticipation Of The Issuance Of Such Bonds.

This ordinance will be carried to the October 13 meeting.

3. Ordinance Adoptions – Ordinance 2022-15- An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 268 “Vehicles and Traffic” of the Revised General Ordinances of The Borough of Netcong Identifying Additional Roadways Subject To a Heavy Vehicle Exclusion.

This ordinance will be carried to the October 13 meeting.

4. Correspondence – None presented

5. Old Business – None presented.

Councilman Hathaway expressed concern about Allen Terrace. Mr. Vervaet, a town resident, took a 5-day census of traffic on Prospect St. He gave the results of this survey. Councilman Hathaway stated there is a problem with these speed tables. Councilman Blakeslee stated the problem the engineer has is the placement of the speed tables. There are many driveways there and state parameters that need to be followed. Councilman Hathaway stated this needs to be done. Councilman Still asked where he heard there are no tables to be put in. Mr. Blakeslee stated he discussed this with the engineer and told him the Council considers this a priority and this must do it. The engineer will be going back to find locations for these tables. Mr. Blakeslee provided explanations for the reasons why this is taking so long. The funds for the paving of this road will be funded by a grant.

Councilman Hathaway also brought up the subject of the County Trial Grant. He explained the county is denying the grant because some of the property to be included is owned by the state. Councilman Hathaway stated we have time and material invested. He is not happy we are taking no for an answer. He had discussed this with the borough attorney Mr. Bucco who stated there have been other projects similar to this that have been done. He feels we need to do something about this. Mr. Blakeslee is in the process of setting up a meeting that Mr. Bucco can attend to discuss this issue. There was further discussion among the Council as to why the initial meetings indicated this would be approved and now the county is backing out.

6. New Business- None presented

7. Resolution 2022-101 – A Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance and Execution of a Developer’s Agreement with FJZ Properties, LLC for The Development of Block 8, Lot 28 Located At 128 Allen in The Borough of Netcong

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

Roll Call: 4 Yes Abstain: Councilman Hathaway

8. Resolution 2022-102 – Authorizing a Tax Refund for Block 8, Lot 10, 5 Railroad Ave.

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes

9. Resolution 2022-103 – Rejecting all Bids Received for Solid Waste Collection Services in the Borough of Netcong and Authorizing the Borough Administrator to Re-Advertise for Bids for This Service.

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes

10. Resolution 2022-104- Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Professional Services to Perform a Fixed Asset Inventory for the Borough.

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes

11. Resolution 2022-105- Authorizing an Extension of a Contract to Fairmount Repair & Services, LLC for Assistance with Snow Plowing and Salting Services.

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes

12. Ordinance Introduction – Ordinance 2022-16 – An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 268 “Vehicles and Traffic” of the Revised General Ordinances of The Borough of Netcong and Designating a Portion of Prospect Street as One Way

This ordinance will be carried to the October 13 meeting.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL

Councilman Hathaway – Lake will be drawn down next week until December or when it ices over, Councilman Still asked if they will be cleaning the swirl chamber.

PROCLAMATION

None presented

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

Mrs. Maria Defazio, of 15 Allen Terrace, asked what portion of Prospect will be one way. The Council explained it is to stop the trucks from coming up Prospect. The Council provided the why and how of this decision. Mrs. Defazio wanted to know about the possible development of the Koch property (corner of Maple and Main). Councilman Hathaway provided an explanation of the possibilities for this project. He explained the developer will need to pay for a study to deem it an area of rehabilitation. He provided reasons why it is important to have an area of rehabilitation so the town will have a say on what can be built there. He explained the properties that the developer already owns

and the others that may be purchased. He explained this project is at a stand still at this time. He stated there will need to be some sort of parking cooperation with this and they will have to heed to the borough's command. He stated this project will not begin until next year. She also asked about the St. Michael church property. She asked if the school is included in this proposed redevelopment plan. Councilman Hathaway stated the school is not included in this project. He provided details and stated the area of redevelopment is to the advantage of the borough as they will have more control over this project.

A Motion to close the meeting to the public was made by Councilman Morton and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

CLOSED SESSION

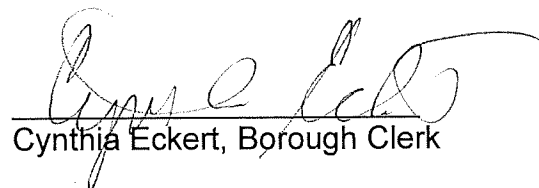
No executive session was held.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Albensi at 8:07PM,

Roll Call: 5 Yes

Respectfully submitted,



Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk