

BOROUGH OF NETCONG

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD DECEMBER 1, 2022 AT THE NETCONG MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 23 MAPLE AVENUE, NETCONG, NEW JERSEY COMMENCING AT 7:30 PM.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Nametko 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 Laureys, Councilman Sylvester, Councilman Still and Mayor Nametko. Also present was Mr. Blakeslee, Borough Administrator and Mrs. Eckert, Borough Clerk

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

A Motion to close the meeting to the public was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Still.

Roll Call: 6 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 December 8, 2022.

1. **Minutes** – Agenda Meeting – November 3, 2022
Regular Meeting – November 10, 2022

A motion was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway to approve the meeting minutes.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

2. Ordinance Adoptions-None presented

3. Correspondence – Letter – Karen Pruden – Waive Interest Charges

A Motion to refund interest paid to Karen Pruden was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

A resolution will be presented next week.

4. Old Business – None presented.

5. New Business- None presented,

6. Resolution 2022-114 – Authorizing the Award of a Contract to Navitend, Inc. for IT Computer Related Services.

7. Resolution 2022-115 – Authorizing the Execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority for Recycling Collection and Disposal Services.

8. Resolution 2022-116 – A Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Stipends to Certain Borough Employees.

9. Resolution 2022-117 – A Resolution Authorizing the Cancellation of Small Balances Under \$10.00.

10. Resolution 2022-118 – A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Professional Services for a Special Consulting Engineer to Assist with an Application to the 2023 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund.

11. Resolution 2022-119 – A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Professional Services for a Special Consulting Engineer to Assist with an Application to the 2023 Clean Water State Revolving Fund.

12. Resolution 2022-120 – Authorizing the Cancellation of a Purchase Order and Authorizing the Purchase of a Ford F-550 from Ciocca Ford of Flemington and a Stainless-Steel/Aluminum Dump Body from A&K Equipment Company.

All resolutions were voted by block:

A motion was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Still to approve the above noted resolutions.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

Councilman Sylvester stated this is another time we are going with another engineering company instead of our own engineer. There was discussion among the council on this matter. Councilman Hathaway stated he has had issues with our current engineer. There was further discussion on this issue. The mayor suggested we do an RFP. Councilman Hathaway provided several other comments on the issues with this engineer. He provided the details on several incidents. Mr. Blakeslee offered additional comments on a particular application involving our engineer. Councilman Hathaway stated he ended up doing the work for this application. Councilman Still stated we need a firm that we can rely on for all our engineering services. We can't be hiring multiple engineers. Councilman Hathaway stated we have had several incidents where we have not received grant money available due to the engineer missing the deadline. There was discussion on the number of applications that can be submitted. Councilman Hathaway gave his opinion on the issue. Councilman Sylvester asked if the engineer that started this project could complete it. The mayor suggested we could do a professional services contract to get this completed. Councilman Hathaway stated this grant is money that we could be putting to good use.

Councilman Laureys asked about the difference between resolution 118 and 119. Mr. Blakeslee explained the difference in detail.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS

None presented this evening.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL

Councilman Albensi asked about the winter parking he had brought up at the last meeting. Councilman Sylvester stated the police chief did not have an opinion one way or the other. The mayor had several comments on this. There was a brief discussion on this subject. Councilman Hathaway stated our attorney was going to bring some information about what other towns do. He would be an advocate for the strongest language for when it is snowing and allow the police to determine the ticketing. There was further discussion among the council on this subject and the need for flexibility. Mr. Blakeslee will contact our attorney.

Councilman Laureys would like the council to reconsider surveying the town on the subject of the St. Michael's project. He suggested a survey monkey and a link on the website. He feels since this is such a contentious issue, he would like to wait until Councilman Morton is here. Councilman Still said he would just need to make a motion. He asked the council to think about it. The mayor had several comments on this subject and mentioned land use laws. Councilman Laureys made a comment regarding this.

MAYORS COMMENTS

None presented at this time

PROCLAMATION

No proclamations were presented this evening.

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

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Roll Call: 5 Yes

CLOSED SESSION

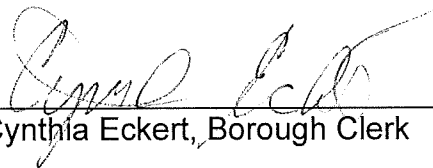
No closed session was held this evening.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway at 7:59PM.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

Respectfully Submitted



Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk