

BOROUGH OF NETCONG

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD FEBRUARY 2, 2023 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 6, 2023.
2. Publishing a notice in the Daily Record, the official newspaper
of the Borough of Netcong on January 11, 2023 and emailing a
copy to the Star Ledger on January 6, 2023.

ROLL CALL

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

PRESENTATION – New Fire Truck

Mr. Jack Sylvester Jr. stepped forward to give this presentation. He thanked the Council for their time. He gave a recap of the history of the research for this vehicle. He stated the current pumper is 20 years old and is starting to show its age. He provided a description of the new pumper and its cost. He continued to detail the costs and process by which it will be paid. He stated the company is aware of the hefty cost of this vehicle and took great care to be sure to choose something that is cost effective. He gave details on the decisions for cost savings. He also stated there will be a cost increase in April 2023 at 5-10% on this pumper. He then asked if the Council had any questions. The mayor stated the company did their homework. Councilman Sylvester stated the majority of those on the committee are here this evening. The mayor thanked Councilman Sylvester and team for their time. He stated the date of the increase is April 21st 2023.

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

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

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 February 9, 2023.

1. **Approval of Minutes** – January 5, 2023 Reorganization Meeting

2. **Approval of Minutes** – January 12, 2023 Regular Meeting

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

3. **Ordinance Adoption – Ordinance 2023-1** –An Ordinance to Vacate and Extinguish any and all Public Rights in and to West Street Located in the Borough of Netcong, County of Morris and State of New Jersey

To be carried to the February 9th meeting.

4. **Correspondence** – Lake Musconetcong Regional Planning Board – Annual Report

Councilman Still asked how the cleanliness of the lake will be this year. Councilman Hathaway stated it should be similar to last year. It should be well managed. The grant has been approved for the new equipment but that will not be available until 2024.

5. **Correspondence** – None presented

6. **Old Business** - None presented

7. **New Business** – Social Affair Permit – The Growing Stage – Symphony at the Palace Fundraiser

A motion was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Sylvester to approve the permit.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

8. **Resolution – 2023-5** - Resolution of The Borough of Netcong, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Professional Services for The Borough Engineer

9. **Resolution – 2023-27-** Authorizing Participation in the Leap Implementation Grant

10. **Resolution – 2023-28-** To Appoint Shannon Bock as Alternate Crossing Guard

A motion was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Morton to approve the three resolutions noted above.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

11. **Ordinance Introduction – Ordinance 2023-2** - An Ordinance Authorizing The Chief Of Police To Execute An Application For A Charitable Solicitation Permit For Netcong Volunteer Fire Company No. 1's "Coin Drop" On Memorial Day Weekend And Columbus Day Weekend At The Intersections Of Allen Street And Ledgewood Avenue And Main Street And Route 46 And Route 183 In The Borough Of Netcong, County Of Morris, State Of New Jersey

To be carried to the February 9th meeting.

12. **Proclamation** - None presented.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL

Councilman Sylvester asked about the ShopRite project. Mr. Blakeslee stated the last he heard they were still working on issues with DOT and doing some redesigning of their drainage system. He also inquired about the parking issue for Landmark properties and the old bank drive through. Councilman Hathaway provided the details on this issue and that they will update their plan and return to the planning board for approval. He also asked about whether the bond ordinance will be ready for next week.

Councilman Albensi stated Isolatek has asked for a crosswalk from their building to the parking lot. They are asking for some engineering to be sure this is done properly. Isolatek will be paying for it. The public works committee is requesting an engineering study. Our engineer is willing to do this for a nominal fee.

A Motion to approve the engineer to complete a study for the crosswalk for Isolatek was made by Councilman Albensi and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

Councilman Hathaway asked about the trail grant status. Mr. Blakeslee provided details on the progress. Councilman Hathaway brought his concerns to the Council on this subject. The mayor feels we need to ask Mr. Shaw to be there when this is presented. Councilman Hathaway is concerned this will get lost in the shuffle and would like to get moving on this.

The mayor asked Mr. Blakeslee if we have a game plan for a meeting with the trail grant people. Mr. Blakeslee would like to discuss this with our attorney first.

MAYORS COMMENTS

The mayor had no comment at this time.

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

A Motion to Close the Meeting to the Public was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Morton.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

CLOSED SESSION

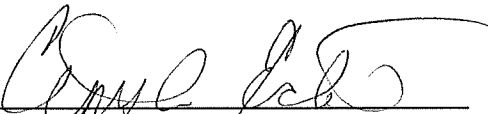
No closed sessions were held this evening.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway at 7:52PM.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

Respectfully Submitted



Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk