

**BOROUGH OF NETCONG
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 9, 2024**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD MAY 9, 2024 AT THE NETCONG MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 23 MAPLE AVENUE, NETCONG, NEW JERSEY COMMENCING AT 7:30 PM.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Still 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 5, 2024.
2. Publishing a notice in the Daily Record, the official newspaper
of the Borough of Netcong on January 10, 2024 and emailing a
copy to the Star Ledger on January 5, 2024.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None presented

SWEARING IN OF PATROLMAN DOMINIC HINK

Policeman Dominic Hink was sworn in by the Borough Clerk. His background and achievements were provided.

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

A Motion to Close the Meeting to the Public was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF THE 2024 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Valerie Dolan, Auditor – Jason Gabloff, CFO-To Address Mayor and Council
Mrs. Dolan and Mr. Gabloff stepped forward to give details:

Mrs. Dolan provided details on the budget. Much work went into this budget. The budget is very fiscally sound. She gave details that there is a small tax decrease due to the establishment of the solid waste budget and implementation of the PILOT for 34 Bank.

Mr. Gabloff stated there was a concern with staying in line with the inflation. There was a lot of work to work this budget. There was also a great effort to clean up the debt paydown. The mayor thanked the finance committee for all their hard work. Councilman Sylvester stated it is nice to hear that this budget is so good and there is no public to hear it. Councilman Nametko stated he is concerned about those who do not understand the PILOT program and the positive effect it has on the budget. Mrs. Dolan explained if the new PILOTS begin next year, it should improve the cap bank. The Mayor and Council thanked them for their time.

Ordinance 2024-13-Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank.

A Motion to Read Ordinance 2024-13 - Read by Title Only on Second Reading and a Hearing Held Thereon was made by Councilman Nametko and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

A Motion to Close Public Hearing was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Laureys.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

A Motion to Adopt Ordinance 2024-13 was made by Councilman Nametko and seconded by Councilman Laureys.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

Resolution 2024-63- Resolution for Self-Examination of 2024 Budget

A motion was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Nametko to approve this resolution.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2024 BUDGET

A Motion to Close the Public Hearing was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Laureys.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

Resolution 2024-64 - To Read the 2024 Budget by Title Only.

A Motion was made to read the 2024 Budget by Title Only by Councilman Nametko and seconded by Councilman Laureys.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

Resolution 2024- 65- To Adopt the 2024 Budget.

A Motion was made by Councilman Nametko and seconded by Councilman Sylvester to adopt the budget.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

ANNUAL AUDIT

Mrs. Dolan gave several highlights and details on the audit. The Tax Collection rate is 98.50%. She explained the debts and how they will be paid down. There is one comment in the audit which is segregation of duties which will not change because of the size of the municipality. Details were provided regarding the grant money that needs to be spent down. There is a new standard with compensated absences. The auditors did additional testing on this and did not find any problems in this area. Councilman Nametko asked if we will have a state review next year. Mrs. Dolan said yes. The mayor thanked Mr. Blakeslee for his work as well.

1. **Resolution #2024-66** -Certification of the Annual Audit.

This resolution was motioned by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Nametko.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

2. **Resolution #2024-67** -To Approve the 2023 Corrective Action Plan.

A Motion was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Nametko to approve this resolution.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2024 SID BUDGET

A Motion to close the Public Hearing was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Albensi.
Roll Call: 5 Yes No: Councilman Laureys

Resolution #2024-68- A Resolution Authorizing the Adoption of the 2024 Budget of The Netcong Community Partnership Special Improvement District.

A Motion to close the Public Hearing was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Nametko.
Roll Call: 5 Yes No: Councilman Laureys

ORDINANCE ADOPTIONS

1. Ordinance 2024-14- An Ordinance Fixing the Salaries of Certain Officers and Employees of The Borough of Netcong, In The County of Morris, State of New Jersey

Motion to Read Capital Ordinance 2024-14- by Title Only on Second Reading and a Hearing Held Thereon by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Laureys.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

A Motion to Close Public Hearing was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Laureys.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

A Motion to Adopt Capital Ordinance 2024-14 was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Laureys.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

2. Capital Ordinance 2024-15- Capital Ordinance To Appropriate The Sum of \$75,000 For The Acquisition of Various Fire Department Equipment In, By And For The Borough of Netcong, In The County of Morris, State of New Jersey, And Providing That Such Sum So Appropriated Shall Be Raised From A Federal Grant.

A Motion to Read Capital Ordinance 2024-15- by Title Only on Second Reading and a Hearing Held Thereon was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Nametko.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

A Motion to Close Public Hearing was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Albensi.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

A Motion to Adopt Capital Ordinance 2024-15 was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Nametko.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

3. Bond Ordinance 2024-16- Bond Ordinance To Authorize The Making of Various Public Improvements In, By And For The Borough of Netcong, In The County of Morris, State of New Jersey, To Appropriate The Sum of \$786,000 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.

A Motion to Read Bond Ordinance 2024-16- by Title Only on Second Reading and a Hearing Held Thereon was made by Councilman Nametko and seconded by Councilman Albensi.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

A Motion to Close Public Hearing was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Morton.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

A Motion to Adopt Bond Ordinance 2024-16 was made by Councilman Nametko and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

4. Bond Ordinance 2024-17- Bond Ordinance To Authorize The Making of Various Public Improvements In, By And For The Water Utility of The Borough of Netcong, In The County of Morris, State of New Jersey, To Appropriate The Sum of \$335,000 To Pay The Cost Thereof, 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.

Motion to Read Capital Ordinance 2024-17- by Title Only on Second Reading and a Hearing Held Thereon was made by Councilman Albensi and seconded by Councilman Nametko.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

A Motion to Close Public Hearing was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Laureys.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

A Motion to Adopt Capital Ordinance 2024-18 was made by Councilman Albensi and seconded by Councilman Nametko.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

5. Bond Ordinance 2024-18- Bond Ordinance To Authorize The Undertaking of Improvements To Hillside Avenue In, By And For The Borough Of Netcong, In The County of Morris, State of New Jersey, To Appropriate The Sum of \$325,000 To Pay The Cost Thereof, 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.

A Motion to Read Capital Ordinance 2024-18- by Title Only on Second Reading and a Hearing Held Thereon was made by Councilman Albensi and seconded by Councilman Nametko.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

A Motion to Close Public Hearing was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Laureys.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

A Motion to Adopt Capital Ordinance 2024-18 was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Albensi.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Resignation Letter – Frank Cautero – Planning Board Member

The Mayor and Council thanked him for his service.

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Blakeslee reminded the Council to Complete the risk management webinar before the end of the month.

He then explained the details from The NJ Transit letter received. The residents on Stoll St. requested they be allowed to park on this property as they have no parking on their site. Councilman Sylvester stated NJ Transit wants the town to take over this property and clean it up. They do not want to clean it themselves. Councilman Hathaway stated this was discussed in the public works committee meeting. This will only benefit a small group of people in town which is not the best use of funds. He is concerned. He does not want to take on this responsibility. There was discussion among the Council on these parking issues. Councilman Hathaway feels the property owners need to solve their issues; it should not be the taxpayers' responsibility. Councilman Nametko stated this becomes a liability as well. There was further discussion on this issue and in other areas of the town as well. Mr. Canfield, DPW superintendent, was asked questions about the Arbolino Park areas. NJ Transit will have to do this. The Council will send a letter denying the town's responsibility for this issue.

Mr. Blakeslee would like approval for a traffic study to be done for the Roxbury McNear warehouse project. It will be facilitated through the Old Traveled Way. There was further discussion on this subject. The Council gave him approval to move forward.

A Motion to approve moving forward with the traffic study was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Albensi.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

April 2024 Report

175 inspections done in April

6 Certificates of Habitability Issued

19 units passed inspection but are waiting on information before they can be issued

6 units failed inspection and are waiting on corrections and re-inspections.

As of 5/6/2024 3 have already been corrected and have scheduled re-inspections.

17 units confirmed they were owner occupied

Kings View (38 units), Helen Way/Wiltop Manor (12 units), and 123 Ledgewood (8 units) never annually registered and did this year. Found a few stacking issues that are being addressed.

Rentals Year To-Date Report

Totals with Apartments Totals without Apartments

1000 units total ----- 280 units' total

276 units with issued certificates ----- 108 units issued

637 units in progress (have submitted/waiting for something) – 85 units in progress

87 units not responded ----- 87 units not responded (11 of which may be ooc)

11 potential owner-occupied units

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance & Insurance: J. Nametko J. Sylvester
Councilman Nametko read his report.

For the month of April 2024, the Borough had a total income of \$665,681.16 as compared to \$713,538.48 in 2023.

For the month of April 2024:

Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated (MRNA):

In 2024 the Borough received \$9,738.68 compared to \$960.50 in 2023.

This includes \$5,138.13 collected by the Planning Board in Application fees.

Other Licenses/Borough Clerk's Fees:

The Borough received \$36,997.21 in 2024 compared to \$31,208.19 in 2023.

State Aid:

There was no state aid received in 2024 however we received \$15,000 in 2023.

Grants in Aid:

There was \$3,529.18 received in 2024 for Grants in Aid and \$4,263.04 was received in 2023.

Taxes Collected:

The Borough collected \$543,265.03 in 2024 compared to \$616,164.04 in 2023.

Water and Sewer Utility:

The Borough collected \$40,085.88 in 2024 compared to \$45,532.71 in 2023.

Solid Waste Utility:

There was \$32,065.18 collected this past month.

Economic Development: R. Hathaway J. Nametko

Councilman Hathaway noted that regarding 83 Main St, there will be a meeting with the owners on May 30th and he has asked a planning board member to attend. There has

been discussion on trading parking for an easement for the current business owners. He is hoping to see a site plan for this.

Rock Solid: Councilman Hathaway stated that they are near a deal brokered with the redevelopment agreement and financial agreement, which will be different from the PILOT. They have asked to go to the planning board concurrent with their meeting with the EDC. He gave details on the redevelopment agreement. The Board will ask for a contribution to the Main St. improvements. The area of rehabilitation is a 5-year plan. He discussed aspects of the financial agreement. They must pay the current taxes during the development of the project. He gave further detail on the financial agreement years 1-5. Schools will still get their fair share of taxes. During construction full taxes will be collected. Councilman Nametko stated the committee was determined to make sure the school will not be affected. Councilman Hathaway gave more detail on the financial agreement.

Parking/Park/Pedestrian Plaza on Bank St. is still being worked on by Mr. Blakeslee to get state money to purchase the land and develop it. The deadline for the application is mid-June. Mr. Blakeslee has been collecting letters of support for this project to submit with the grant application. Councilman Hathaway is hoping this will be a segway to future projects for the downtown. Mr. Blakeslee stated we have a DOT grant application for the Bank St. area to widen the sidewalks and pave the road.

Councilman Laureys asked when the sidewalks on Jenny Lind St. will be installed. The response was that bids will probably be done in July.

Public Safety: J. Sylvester T. Laureys
(Police, Fire, Rescue)

Ambulance Corps

Total Calls: 40, one out of town

Total Patients: 24

Total Hospital Trips: 15

Miles Traveled: 454

Hours Volunteered: 153 hours, 56 mins.

Netcong Fire Department for the month of April, 2024.

Total Calls: 7

General Alarms: 4

Mutual Aid: 3

Total Members: 23

Time Volunteered: 32 Hours and 18 Minutes

Drills: 6

Total Members: 30

Time Volunteered: 138 Hours

Administrative Details: 7

Total Members: 38
Time Volunteered: 129 Hours

Monthly Total:
41 Members
295 Hours 18 Minutes

Fire Prevention Report

Total inspections: 27
Total Violations Found: 45
Permits Issued: 2
Penalty Money Collected: \$3000
Fire Department Follow ups: 3
Bureau Monthly Hours: 43 Hours
Additional Monthly Notes:

Residential/ Occupancy Change Fire Inspections began on April 22. Completed the annual inspection at the Netcong School. Met with Landmark Properties in reference to the St. Michael's Project.

Police Department

- Motor Vehicle Check or Stop 146
- Check Property 134
- Check Schools 37
- Administrative 92
- Assist Other Agency 37
- MVA No Injury 10
- Traffic Violation I Complaint I Hazard 16

Grand Total 793

Dept. of Public
Works & Utilities:

J. Albensi

R. Hathaway

Road Department: Picked up 24cy leaves....Picked up 16cy of grass....Picked up 20cy of brush....Installed benches on Main St bump outs....Removed all winter equipment off of trucks....

Water Department: Repaired a water service line leak at 41 College Rd....

Buildings & Grounds: Boiler inspections were performed at both Borough Firehouses....Cut grass at all Borough properties

Parks and Recreation: Installed memorial bench for Donnie Arbolino....Cleaned up dead trees and debris near the park and ride....New Dierenzo park playground installation has begun....

Other: Joe Fiorello, Andrew Dierenzo, and Zach leader attended a fast track to safety course....Joe Fiorello started working on the annual tonnage report....

Recreation: T. Morton J. Albensi

Councilman Morton reported that this past Saturday was the Mother's Day Tea. It went well. The town wide garage sale will be May 18th. The DiRenzo Park playground should be completed by Memorial Day.

Public Services: T. Laureys T. Morton
(Human Services
Recycling & Solid
Waste Disposal

Recycling

For the month of April there was 70.92 tons of Garbage picked up in town. That includes 53 bulk items that were also picked up during the month.

There was a total of 7.05 tons of recycling removed from the recycling center. We had approximately 16.27 tons of recycling picked up from residents.

Councilman Nametko asked if we still get Clean Communities money. Mr. Blakeslee stated 'yes.'

OLD BUSINESS

1. Autism Banner for DiRenzo Playground

The mayor asked if anyone has an issue with this. Councilman Nametko asked if it would be permanent. Councilman Albensi stated 'yes.' He provided details on the banner. The Council had no issue with this.

NEW BUSINESS

None presented.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL

The Council President asked about the status on Allen Terrace. Mr. Canfield stated our engineer Mr. Ruschke has reviewed the site. The Council is not satisfied with the results of this job. The borough attorney stated the engineer needs to complete a detailed report and then a letter should be sent to the contractor. Mr. Bucco wants a detailed report that will not have any holes in it and needs to be clear and have back-up data. Mr. Blakeslee will call the engineer tomorrow and do a conference call with our attorney.

Mayor Still also wanted to discuss if there is sewage flow from Roxbury. The sump pumps put into the sewer drains is going to be a problem. The mayor is concerned that our MSA rates are going to go up. The mayor would like an INI study. There was discussion among the Council on this issue of sump pumps' output into the sewer drains.

Councilman Sylvester asked: Will the traffic study include pedestrian traffic? Mr. Blakeslee said he believes it should be. Councilman Hathaway asked about the park and trail professionals. Mr. Blakeslee said it is in the works. Councilman Sylvester said he is working on an in-person meeting for the Lake project. Mr. Conrads is working on this meeting. There was discussion on this subject among the Council.

Councilman Nametko mentioned there is a lawn service that is applying something on the lawns in his neighborhood. He noted a bad garbage-like smell in his backyard for days. He would like some kind of control for this type of situation. Councilman Hathaway stated all these operations are controlled by the state and are highly regulated. Councilman Hathaway stated local health departments can investigate. Mr. Blakeslee will get the name of the company so he can investigate. The mayor asked if there is an ordinance we can write for this. There was further discussion on this subject.

Councilman Laureys reported that he took a walk and talked to a resident on Wiltop Rd. who is not in favor of the St. Michaels development. The mailman let him know there are many residents that are not in favor.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

The mayor appointed Maria Jones to the Recreation Commission.

RESOLUTIONS

1. **Resolution 2024-69-** Calling for the Modernization of the Open Public Records Act (OPRA) and the Swift Passage of S-2930/A-4045

Councilman Laureys expressed concern about this because he has not read the actual bill. Mr. Bucco provided detail on the misuses of this law and the changes needed. There was discussion among the Council on this issue.

A Motion to Table this resolution was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Albensi.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

2. **Resolution 2024-70-** 2024 Salary Resolution

A Motion to approve this resolution was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Albensi.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

3. **Resolution 2024-71-** A Resolution Confirming The Acceptance Of A Bid And Authorizing The Execution Of A Contract For Sale Of Certain Property Owned By The Borough Of Netcong, Morris County, New Jersey, Not Required For Public Purposes Pursuant To N.J.S.A. 40a:12-13, Et Seq.

A Motion to approve this resolution was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Albensi.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

4. **Resolution 2024-72-** To Appoint John Arbolino as Temporary Part Time Laborer for the Netcong Department of Public Works

A Motion to approve this resolution was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Albensi.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

5. **Resolution 2024-73-** A Resolution of The Borough of Netcong, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Approving Change Order No. 1 To The Contract With American Asphalt & Trucking, LLC In The Amount Of \$25,180 For Installation of Drainage Pipes As Part of The Center Street Improvement Project

A Motion to approve this resolution was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Albensi.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS

None presented.

REPORTS

A Motion to Incorporate All Reports into the Minutes was made by Councilman Laureys and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

BILLS

A Motion to Pay All Bills When Funds are Available was made by Councilman Nametko and was seconded by Councilman Albensi.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes


CLOSED SESSION

None presented.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made by Councilman Hathaway and was approved by unanimous voice vote at 9:02PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk

RESOLUTION FOR SELF-EXAMINATION OF 2024 BUDGET

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-78b has authorized the Local Finance Board to adopt rules that permit municipalities in sound fiscal condition to assume the responsibility, normally granted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, of conducting the annual budget examination; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:30-7 was adopted by the Local Finance Board on February 11, 1997; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.2 through 7.5, the *Borough of Netcong* has been declared eligible to participate in the program by the Division of Local government Services, and the Chief Financial officer has determined that the local government meets the necessary conditions to participate in the program for the 2021 budget year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the *Borough of Netcong* that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.6a & 7.6b and based upon the Chief Financial Officer's certification, the governing body has found the budget has met the following requirements:

1. That with reference to the following items, the amounts have been calculated pursuant to law and appropriated as such in the budget:
 - a. Payment of interest and debt redemption charges
 - b. Deferred charges and statutory expenditures
 - c. Cash deficit of preceding year
 - d. Reserve for uncollected taxes
 - e. Other reserves and non-disbursement items
 - f. Any inclusions of amounts required for school purposes.
2. That the provisions relating to limitation on increases of appropriations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.2 and appropriations for exceptions to limits on appropriations found at N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.3 et seq., are fully met (complies with CAP law).
3. That the budget is in such form, arrangement, and content as required by the Local Budget Law and N.J.A.C. 5:30-4 and 5:30-5.
4. That pursuant to the Local Budget Law:
 - a. All estimates of revenue are reasonable, accurate and correctly stated,
 - b. Items of appropriation are properly set forth
 - c. In itemization, form, arrangement and content, the budget will

permit the exercise of the comptroller function within the municipality.

5. The budget and associated amendments have been introduced and publicly advertised in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Local Budget Law, except that failure to meet the deadlines of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 shall not prevent such certification.

6. That all other applicable statutory requirements have been fulfilled.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution will be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services upon adoption.

Approved:

Vote recorded as follows:

BOROUGH OF NETCONG

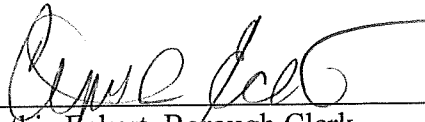
By:


Elmer Still, Mayor

Dated:

CERTIFICATION

I, Cynthia Eckert, Clerk of the Borough of Netcong, do hereby certify that the foregoing to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Borough at a meeting held on May 9, 2024.


Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk

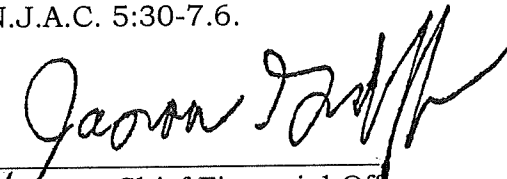
Borough of Netcong
MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

CERTIFICATION OF APPROVED BUDGET

It is hereby certified that the Approved Budget complies with the requirements of law and approval is given pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-78(b) and N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.

It is further certified that the municipality has met the eligibility requirements of N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.4 and 7.5, and that I, as Chief Financial Officer, have completed the local examination in compliance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.6.

Dated: 5/10/24

By: 
Chief Financial Officer

This certification form and resolution of the governing body executing such certification should be annexed to the adopted budget (N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.6(e))

RESOLUTION 2024-64

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-8 provides that the budget may be read by title only at the time of the public hearing if a resolution is passed by not less than majority of the full Governing Body, provided that at least one week prior to the date of hearing a complete copy of the approved budget as advertised has been posted in the Borough Hall and copies have been made available by the Clerk to persons requesting them; and

WHEREAS, these two conditions have been met;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Netcong in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey that the budget shall be read by title only.

BOROUGH OF NETCONG

By


Elmer Still, Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I, Cynthia Eckert, Clerk of the Borough of the Borough of Netcong, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Borough of Netcong at a meeting held on May 9, 2024.


Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk

SECTION 2 - UPON ADOPTION FOR YEAR 2024

RESOLUTION 2024-65

Be it Resolved by the NETCONG COUNCIL MEMBERS of the MORRIS BOROUGH that the budget hereinbefore set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations, and authorization of the amount of:

- (a) \$ 3,094,898.50 (Item 2 below) for municipal purposes, and
 (b) \$ - (Item 3 below) for school purposes in Type I School Districts only (N.J.S.A. 18A:9-2) to be raised by taxation and,
 (c) \$ - (Item 4 below) to be added to the certificate of amount to be raised by taxation for local school purposes in
 Type II School Districts only (N.J.S.A. 18A:9-3) and certification to the County Board of Taxation of
 the following summary of general revenues and appropriations:
 (d) \$ - (Sheet 43) Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Levy
 (e) \$ - (Sheet 44) Arts and Culture Trust Fund Levy
 (f) \$ - (Item 5 Below) Minimum Library Tax

RECORDED VOTE

(Insert last name)

Ayes	Nays	Abstained	Absent
Albensi Hathaway Laureys Morton Nannetto Sylvester			

SUMMARY OF REVENUES

1. General Revenues					
Surplus Anticipated		08-100	\$	615,000.00	
Miscellaneous Revenues Anticipated		13-099	\$	1,426,658.04	
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes		15-199	\$	90,000.00	
2. AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES (Item 6(a), Sheet 11)		07-190	\$	3,094,898.50	
3. AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR SCHOOLS IN TYPE I SCHOOL DISTRICTS ONLY:					
Item 6, Sheet 42		07-195	\$	-	
Item 6(b), Sheet 11 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-14)		07-191	\$	-	
TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR SCHOOLS IN TYPE I SCHOOL DISTRICTS ONLY					
4. To Be Added TO THE CERTIFICATE FOR THE AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR SCHOOLS IN TYPE II SCHOOL DISTRICTS ONLY:					
Item 6(b), Sheet 11 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-14)		07-191	\$	-	
5. AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION MINIMUM LIBRARY TAX		07-192	\$	-	
Total Revenues		13-299	\$	5,226,556.54	

Governing Body Certification of the Annual Audit

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4 requires the governing body of every local unit to have made an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transactions, and

WHEREAS, the Annual Report of Audit for the year 2023 has been filed by a Registered Municipal Accountant with the Municipal Clerk pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 5-6, and a copy has been received by each member of the governing body; and

WHEREAS, R.S. 52:27BB-34 authorizes the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey to prescribe reports pertaining to the local fiscal affairs; and

WHEREAS, The Local Finance Board has promulgated N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5, a regulation requiring the governing body of each municipality shall by resolution certify to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey that all members of the governing body have reviewed, as a minimum, the sections of the annual audit entitled, "Comments and Recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have personally reviewed, as a minimum, the Annual Report of Audit, and specifically the sections of the Annual Audit entitled "Comments and Recommendations, as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, such resolution of certification shall be adopted by the Governing body no later than forty-five days after the receipt of the annual audit, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5; and

WHEREAS, all members of the governing body have received and have familiarized themselves with, at least, the minimum requirements of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey, as stated aforesaid and have subscribed to the affidavit, as provided by the Local Finance Board; and

WHEREAS, failure to comply with the regulations of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey may subject the members of the local governing body to the penalty provisions of R.S. 52:27BB-52, to wit:

R.S. 52:27BB-52: A local officer or member of a local governing body who, after a date fixed for compliance, fails or refuses to obey an order of the director (Director of Local Government Services), under the provisions of this Article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, in addition shall forfeit his office.

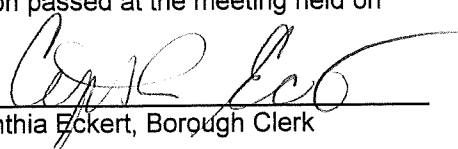
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough Council of the Borough of Netcong, hereby states that it has complied with N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5 and does hereby submit a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to said Board to show evidence of said compliance.

BOROUGH OF NETCONG

By: 

Elmer Still, Mayor

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the resolution passed at the meeting held on May 9, 2024.

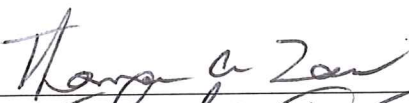
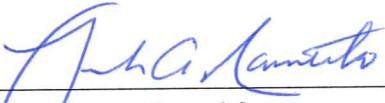
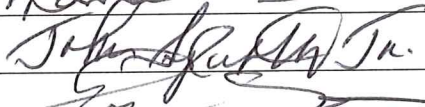
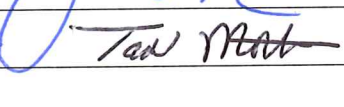




Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk

**CERTIFICATION OF GOVERNING BODY OF THE ANNUAL AUDIT
GROUP AFFIDAVIT FORM
NO PHOTO COPIES OF SIGNATURES**

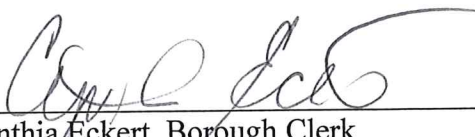
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
COUNTY OF *Morris*

We, members of the governing body of the *Borough of Netcong* of, in the County of *Morris*, being duly sworn according to law, upon our oath depose and say:

1. We are duly elected (or appointed) members of the *Council* of the *Borough of Netcong* in the county of *Morris*;
2. In the performance of our duties, and pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5, we have familiarized ourselves with the contents of the Annual Municipal Audit filed with the Netcong Borough Clerk pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-6 for the year *2023*;
3. We certify that we have personally reviewed and are familiar with, as a minimum, the sections of the Annual Report of Audit containing the auditor's findings, comments, and recommendations.

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this
9 day of May 2024
Notary Public of New Jersey



Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk

The Municipal Clerk (or Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners or the Secretary of the Joint Meeting/Regional Service Agency, as the case may be) shall set forth the reason for the absence of signature of any members of the governing body.

IMPORTANT: This certificate must be sent to the Bureau of Financial Regulation and Assistance in the Division of Local Government Services by uploading the document into the Financial Automation Submission Tracking system or, in the case of a joint meeting/regional service agency, mailing the certificate to P.O. Box 803, Trenton, New Jersey 08625.

BOROUGH OF NETCONG

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE 2023 CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

WHEREAS, all municipalities operating under the Local Fiscal Affairs Law must prepare and submit a Corrective Action Plan as part of their annual audit process, and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Netcong has by Resolution accepted the 2023 audit as prepared and presented by the Borough Auditors; and

WHEREAS, Jason Gabloff, the Chief Financial Officer for the Borough of Netcong has prepared a Corrective Action Plan to address the findings and recommendations for the 2023 audit and presented copies of same to the Netcong Mayor and Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Netcong, in the County of Morris, and the State of New Jersey, that the Corrective Action Plan, attached hereto and made a part hereof, is hereby approved for submission to the Division of Local Government Services.

APPROVED: _____


Elmer Still, Mayor

ATTEST: _____


Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk

DATE: May 9, 2024

Borough of Netcong

Corrective Action Plan For Audit as of December 31, 2023

Finding # 2023-1

Description: Segregation of duties in Treasury functions.

Analysis: Borough does not have optimum separation of duties between persons dispersing funds and reconciling bank accounts, and between collecting and recording funds.

Corrective Action: Due to limited staff and budget constraints, some combining of duties is necessary. Duties are as segregated as much as possible without the hiring of additional staff, which would not be financially feasible at this time.

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE 2023 BUDGET OF
THE NETCONG COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT
DISTRICT.**

WHEREAS, on April 11, 2024 the Borough Council of the Borough of Netcong adopted Resolution 2024-58 approving the introduction of the Netcong Community Partnership Special Improvement District Budget for the calendar year 2024 and establishing a public hearing date for the consideration of same on May 9, 2024; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the approval of the budget, it was advertised and at least one week prior to the date of hearing, a copy of same was posted on the bulletin board where public notices are customarily posted in the Borough Hall and was further made available to each person requesting same during that week and during the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing has been held at which time all persons having an interest therein were given an opportunity to be heard; and

WHEREAS, the Netcong Community Partnership Special Improvement District Budget is in the total amount of \$34,575.00 of which \$30,316.77 shall be raised by property tax assessments; and

WHEREAS, after careful consideration of all of the relevant material it is the desire of the Borough Council to adopt the 2024 Special Improvement District Budget, as advertised.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Netcong, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey that the 2024 Budget of the Netcong Community Partnership Special Improvement District, as previously introduced and advertised, is hereby adopted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Board of Directors of the Netcong Community Partnership and to the Tax Assessor and Tax Collector of the Borough of Netcong.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

BOROUGH OF NETCONG

By: _____



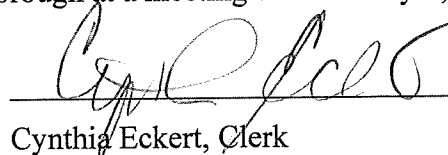
Elmer Still, Mayor

Nomenclature

Dated: 5/10/24

CERTIFICATION

I, Cynthia Eckert, Clerk of the Borough of Netcong, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Borough at a meeting held on May 9, 2024.



Cynthia Eckert, Clerk

Revenues	2023 Budget	2023 Actuals	2024 Budget
Income			
Assessments	27,000.00	27,258.56	27,000.00
Netcong Borough Contribution	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
Community Farmer's Market	9,000.00	8,620.00	0
Grants	0	3,000.00	3,000
Miscellaneous Income	0	0	0
Total Income	41,000.00	44,878.56	41,000.00
Expenditures			
Visual Improvements			
Beautification (Planters/pots)	1,000.00	1,118.10	2,500.00
Holiday	1,500.00	0	3,000.00
Signage (Street Flags)	600.00	0	1,000.00
	3,100.00	1,118.10	6,500.00
Business Attraction/Promotion			
Sign Grants	1,000.00	500.00	1,000.00
Marketing/Promotion	8,000.00	11,072.79	5,000.00
Events	5,000.00	2,975.00	3,000.00
Community Farmer's Market	20,000.00		
- Salary		13,800.00	
- Operations		3,016.51	
- Vouchers		915.00	
Special Initiative: Netcong Fire Department		3,000.00	3,000.00
	34,000.00	35,279.30	12,000.00
Administration			
Annual Meeting	100.00	77.66	100.00
Insurance	2,500.00	2,537.00	2,600.00
Supplies	250.00	0	250.00
Web Hosting	125.00	0	125.00
Dues/Membership Fees	0	0	0
Attorney/Consultant Fees	2,117.00	3,025.00	1,500.00
Accountant Fees	2,200.00	0	2,500.00
Website Design	1,500.00	1,100.00	3,000.00
Administrator Stipend	4,800.00	4,800.00	6,000.00
	13,592.00	11,539.66	16,075.00
Total Expenditures	50,692.00	47,937.06	34,575.00
	(9,692.000)	(3,078.50)	6,425.00

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Netcong, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, that the following named persons be paid salaries in 2024 within the ranges set forth in the Salary Ordinance #2024-14.

EMPLOYEE	TITLE	Proposed Salary/Rate
	Elected Officials	
Still, Elmer	Mayor	\$8,405
Albensi, Joseph	Councilman	\$6,304
Hathaway, Bob	Councilman	\$6,304
Morton, Todd	Councilman	\$6,304
Laureys, Tom	Councilman	\$6,304
Nametko, Joseph	Councilman	\$6,304
Sylvester, Jack	Councilman	\$6,304
	Office Staff	
Blakeslee, Ralph	Administrator/Deputy Clerk	\$147,682
	Zoning Officer	\$6,000
Eckert, Cynthia	Borough Clerk	\$42,677
	Tax Collector	\$47,555
	Board of Health Secretary	\$1,293
Meehan, Jennifer	Administrative Assistant, Finance Department	\$47,174
	Payroll Clerk	\$5,778
	Certified Registrar Stipend	\$500
Bosco, Magda	Administrative Assistant/Water & Sewer	\$37,800
	Certified Registrar Stipend	\$500
Proctor, Richard	Assistant Administrator	\$45,000
Pizzulo, Stephanie	Planning Board Secretary	\$6,695
Youds, Jane	Administrative Assistant, Part Time	\$16.50/hour
	Professionals	
Gabloff, Jason	Chief Financial Officer	\$21,537
dePierro, Therese	Tax Assessor	\$14,651
Esposito, Robyn	Certified Purchase Agent	\$2,000
	Fire	
Sylvester, Mark	Fire Official	\$10,500
Boylan, Kyle	Fire Inspector	\$5,400
Pellek, Michael	Fire Inspector/Fire Investigator	\$25.75/hour
Anthony, Wayne	Emergency Management Coordinator	\$7,233

	Police	
Van Houten, Russ	Chief of Police	\$150,181
	OEM Stipend	\$ 3,279
Coppolella, Anthony	Police Lieutenant	\$137,567
Fluke, Nina	Police Secretary	\$37,581
Bock, Shannon	Police Matron	\$18.86/hour
	Crossing Guards	
Crawn, Donna	School Crossing Guard	\$18.86/hour
Patamia, Thomas	School Crossing Guard	\$18.86/hour
Mendel, Sandra	School Crossing Guard	\$18.86/hour
Post, Ken	School Crossing Guard	\$18.86/hour
Stark, Willbert	School Crossing Guard	\$18.86/hour
Sylvester, Melissa	School Crossing Guard	\$18.86/hour
Vervaet, Steve	School Crossing Guard	\$18.86/hour
Dell'Orto, Christine	Alt. School Crossing Guard	\$18.86/hour
Schomp, Frank	Alt. School Crossing Guard	\$18.86/hour
Bock, Shannon	Alt. School Crossing Guard	\$18.86/hour
	DPW	
Canfield, Michael	Superintendent (DPW/ Water/ Sewer)	\$100,786
	Clean Communities Coordinator	\$3,444
	Assistant Water System Operator	\$5,000
Hess, Tim	Assistant Superintendent of Public Works/ Water System Operator	\$88,968
Fiorello, Joe	Laborer (DPW, Water, Sewer)	\$44,990
	Deputy Animal Control Officer	\$1,793
	Recycling Coordinator	\$2,633
Therault, Michael	Laborer (DPW, Water, Sewer)	\$41,600
DiRenzo, Andrew	Laborer (DPW, Water, Sewer)	\$39,529
Leader, Zach	Laborer (DPW, Water, Sewer)	\$39,529
Titsworth, Jason	Backup Water Operator	\$1,800
O'Brien, Fred	Recycling Center Attendant	\$17.50/hour
	Dial A Ride	
Benvenuto, Wayne	Dial-A-Ride Bus Driver	\$19.73/hour
	Construction/Zoning/ PB	
Arbolino, James	Deputy Code Enforcement/ Rental Inspector	\$18,540


This resolution shall take effect immediately.



Elmer Still, Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I, Cynthia Eckert, Clerk of the Borough of Netcong, do hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Netcong at a regular meeting held on May 9, 2024.



Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A BID AND
AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR SALE OF
CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNED BY THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG,
MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, NOT REQUIRED FOR PUBLIC
PURPOSES PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13, ET SEQ.**

WHEREAS, the Local Lands and Buildings Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13, et seq., authorizes the sale by municipalities of any real property, capital improvements or personal property, or interests therein, not needed for public use by sale in the manner provided by law; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Netcong is the owner of certain real property not needed for public use, and the Borough Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the Borough to sell the property in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in Ordinance 24-12, authorizing the sale; and

WHEREAS, the property authorized for sale is BLOCK 26, LOTS 15.01 & 15.02 as depicted and described on a filed map entitled "PRELIMINARY AND FINAL MAJOR SUBDIVISION TAX BLOCK 26 LOT 10.03 & TAX BLOCK 22 LOT 15 BOROUGH OF NETCONG MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY" recorded with the Morris County Clerk on May 18, 2023, at MAP-OR Book 9, Page 129 and being 35,659+/- square feet in size (hereinafter referred to as the "Real Property"); and

WHEREAS, a public auction of the Real Property was conducted on or about April , 2024, after notice and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(a); and

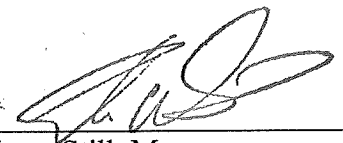
WHEREAS, as a result of the public auction, the Borough received a highest and best bid in the amount of \$130,000.00 with a 10% Buyer's premium for auction services payable to Max Spann R.E. & Auction Co.; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Netcong finds it to be in the best interest to accept the bid as presented;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Netcong, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The acceptance of a bid of \$130,000.00 with a 10% Buyer's premium for the sale of the Real Property is confirmed.
2. 14 Navajo LLC, c/o Shakeel Mohammed, whose address is 1 Highview Court, Montville, New Jersey is confirmed as the winning bidder.
3. The sale of the property is subject to such terms and restrictions as are provided in Ordinance 24-12 and the Contract for Sale of Real Estate, which is appended hereto as Schedule A.
4. The Council hereby approves the Contract for Sale of Real Estate, which is appended hereto as Schedule A, and authorizes the Mayor and Borough Clerk to execute same.
5. The Council authorizes and directs the Borough Administrator, Borough Attorney and Borough Clerk to undertake such actions that are necessary and proper to perform the obligations of the Contract for Sale of Real Estate and further authorizes the Mayor and Borough Clerk to execute such instruments, deeds and documents as may be necessary to convey title of the Real Property to the Buyer in consideration of receipt of the bid price and in accordance with the Contract for Sale of Real Estate .
6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

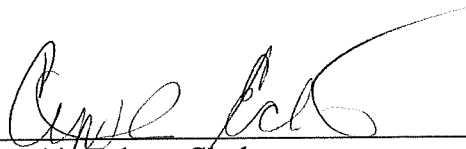
BOROUGH OF NETCONG

By: 
Elmer Still, Mayor

Dated: 5/10/24

CERTIFICATION

I, Cynthia Eckert, Clerk of the Borough of Netcong, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Borough at a meeting held on May 9, 2024.


Cynthia Eckert, Clerk

RESOLUTION #2024-72

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Netcong, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The following appointment is hereby made:

John Arbolino as Temporary Part Time Laborer on call as needed for the Department of Public Works effective May 10, 2024 at a salary of \$17.00 per hour, payable semi-monthly.

2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

BOROUGH OF NETCONG

By: 

Elmer Still, Mayor

Dated:

I, Cynthia Eckert, Clerk of the Borough of Netcong, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Borough of Netcong at a meeting held May 9, 2024.


Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO THE CONTRACT WITH AMERICAN ASPHALT & TRUCKING, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,180 FOR INSTALLATION OF DRAINAGE PIPES AS PART OF THE CENTER STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Netcong, in the County of Morris, and State of New Jersey that the nature of the changes as described in the attached Change Order No. 1 for the contract entitled, Center Street Improvements be and the same are hereby approved, and the Borough Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to execute said Change Order on behalf of the Borough.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said contract shall be amended to reflect a increase in the amount of \$25,180 for the installation of underground drainage as set forth in the attached Change Order.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

BOROUGH OF NETCONG

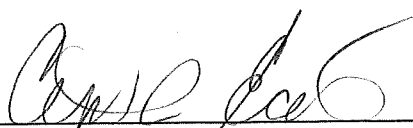
By:


Elmer Still, Mayor

Dated:

CERTIFICATION

I, Cynthia Eckert, Clerk of the Borough of Netcong, do hereby certify that the foregoing to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Borough at a meeting held on May 9, 2024.


Cynthia Eckert, Clerk

CALENDAR YEAR 2024
ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS
AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK
(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to 2.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Netcong in the County of Morris, finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2024 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Netcong hereby determines that a 1% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$37,880.77 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Netcong hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Netcong in the County of Morris, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2024 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of Netcong shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5 %, amounting to \$132,582.70 and that the CY 2024 municipal budget for the Borough of Netcong be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

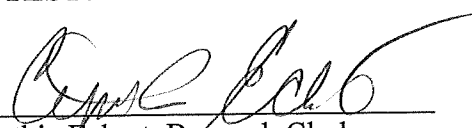
BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

INTRODUCED: 4/11/24

ADOPTED: 5/9/24

BOROUGH OF NETCONG
COUNTY OF MORRIS
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ATTEST:


Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk

By: 
Elmer Still, Mayor

SALARY ORDINANCE 2024-14

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Netcong, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The salaries of the officers and employees for the Borough of Netcong shall be established within the salary ranges delineated below:

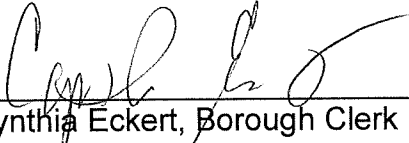
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION				
TITLE				
<i>Elected Officials</i>				
Mayor		\$8,000	to	\$10,000
Council Member		\$5,000	to	\$8,000
<i>Administrative</i>				
Administrator		\$145,000	to	155,000
Borough Clerk		\$40,000	to	\$75,000
Deputy Borough Clerk		\$37,000	to	\$50,000
Assistant Administrator		\$39,000	to	\$75,000
Administrative Assistant, General		\$35,000	To	\$45,000
Secretary/Clerk, General		\$15.15/hour	to	\$25.00/hour
Part Time & Summer Help		\$15.15/hour	to	\$25.00/hour
<i>Financial</i>				
Chief Financial Officer		\$20,000	to	\$35,000
Administrative Assistant, Finance		\$45,000	to	\$55,000
Tax Collector		\$40,000	to	\$75,000
Deputy Tax Collector		\$37,000	to	\$50,000
Water/Sewer Collector		\$35,000	to	\$40,000
Deputy Water/Sewer Collector		\$8,800	to	\$15,000
Tax Assessor		\$8,800	to	\$18,500
Purchasing Agent		\$2,000	to	\$10,000
Payroll Clerk		\$2,500	to	\$10,000
<i>Land Use & Code Enforcement</i>				
Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer		\$6,000	to	\$18,000
Deputy Zoning Officer		\$6,000	to	\$18,000
Rental Inspector/Deputy Code Enforcement Officer		\$6,000	to	\$18,000
Planning Board Secretary/Clerk		\$6,000	to	\$18,000

<i>Health, Recycling</i>			
Board of Health Secretary/Clerk	\$1,100	to	\$1,800
Dial-A-Ride Driver	\$15.00	to	\$25.00
Registrar	\$750	to	\$7,510
Deputy Registrar, Certified	\$500	to	\$800
Animal Control Officer	\$1,650	to	\$5,500
Assistant Animal Control Officer	\$1,100	to	\$3,000
PUBLIC WORKS			
Superintendent of Public Works	\$80,000	to	\$120,000
Assistant Superintendent of Public Works/Water System Operator	\$80,000	to	\$95,000
Assistant Water System Operator	\$4,500	To	\$5,500
Public Works Foreman	\$50,000	to	\$66,000
Public Works Mechanic	\$45,000	To	\$60,000
Public Works Operator	\$45,000	to	\$60,000
Public Works Laborer	\$35,000	to	\$50,000
Recycling Coordinator	\$1,500	to	\$5,000
Recycling Center Attendant	\$15.00	to	\$19.00
Clean Communities Coordinator	\$3,000	to	\$5,000
Janitors	\$550	to	\$1,100
Part Time and Summer Help	\$15.00/hour	to	\$25.00/hour
PUBLIC SAFETY			
<i>Police Department</i>			
Chief of Police	\$140,000	to	\$155,000
Police Lieutenant	\$120,000	To	\$150,000
Special Police Officer	\$20.00/hour	to	\$40.00/hour
Schools Crossing Guard	\$15.15/hour	to	\$20.00/hour
Police Secretary	\$35,000	To	\$45,000
Police Matron	\$15.15/hour	To	\$20.00/hour
<i>Emergency, Fire Prevention Services</i>			
Fire Prevention Official	\$10,000	to	\$15,000
Fire Prevention Inspector, Part Time	\$5,000	To	\$7,000
Assistant Fire Prevention Inspector, Part Time	\$20.00/hour	To	\$35.00/hour
Emergency Management Coordinator	\$7,000	to	\$8.500
Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator	\$3,000	To	\$7,000

2. The specific salary to be paid each officer and employee is within the ranges set forth in Section 1. shall be determined by resolution adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Netcong.
3. Unionized members of the Police Department shall be compensated in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the collective bargaining agreement currently in effect.
4. All full-time employees of the Borough of Netcong shall be paid bimonthly. All part-time employees and officers of the Borough of Netcong shall be paid monthly.
5. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of inconsistency.
6. All elected officials shall have the discretion to be paid quarterly, semi-annually or annually.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon publication of notice of final adoption as provided by law and shall be retroactive to January 1, 2024.

ATTEST:



Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk

By: 

Elmer Still, Mayor

Introduced: 4/11/24

Adopted: 5/9/24

Capital Ordinance 2024-15

CAPITAL ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$75,000 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM A FEDERAL GRANT.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Netcong, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The Borough of Netcong, in the County of Morris, New Jersey (the "Borough") is hereby authorized to acquire the following new equipment for the use of the Fire Department in, by and for the Borough: (i) personal protective equipment; (ii) self-contained breathing apparatus equipment; (iii) a turnout gear dryer; and (iv) water rescue personal protective equipment. Said acquisitions shall include all work, materials and appurtenances necessary and suitable therefor.

Section 2. The sum of \$75,000 is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of the acquisitions authorized and described in Section 1 hereof (hereinafter referred to as "purpose"). Said appropriation shall be raised from a Federal grant, as hereinafter provided. The sum of \$75,000 received or to be received as a Federal American Rescue Plan Act Firefighters Grant is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of said purpose.

Section 3. Said acquisitions are lawful capital improvements of the Borough having a period of usefulness of at least five (5) years. Said acquisitions shall be made as


general improvements, no part of the cost of which shall be assessed against property specially benefited.

Section 4. The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this capital ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Borough Clerk and is available for public inspection.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect at the time and in the manner provided by law.

**BOROUGH OF NETCONG
COUNTY OF MORRIS
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

ATTEST:



Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk

By: 

Elmer Still, Mayor

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$786,000 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.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Netcong, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The Borough of Netcong, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey (the "Borough") is hereby authorized to make various public improvements in, by and for said Borough, as more particularly described in Section 4 hereof. The cost of the improvements includes all work, materials and appurtenances necessary and suitable therefor.

Section 2. There is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of making the improvements described in Sections 1 and 4 hereof (hereinafter referred to as "purposes"), the respective amounts of money hereinafter stated as the appropriation for said respective purposes. Said appropriation shall be met from the proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized and the down payment appropriated by this ordinance. Said improvements shall be made as general improvements and no

part of the cost thereof shall be assessed against property specially benefited.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and stated that the making of such improvements is not a current expense of said Borough.

Section 4. The several purposes hereby authorized for the financing of which said obligations are to be issued are set forth in the following "Schedule of Improvements, Purposes and Amounts" which schedule also shows (1) the amount of the appropriation and the estimated cost of each such purpose, and (2) the amount of each sum which is to be provided by the down payment hereinafter appropriated to finance such purposes, and (3) the estimated maximum amount of bonds and notes to be issued for each such purpose, and (4) the period of usefulness of each such purpose, according to its reasonable life, computed from the date of said bonds:

SCHEDULE OF IMPROVEMENTS, PURPOSES AND AMOUNTS

A. Undertaking of the following public improvements: (i) various improvements to the restrooms at Fire House No. 1, including ADA improvements; (ii) replacement of the retaining wall at Fire House No. 2; (iii) design and permitting phase for the construction of the Lake Musconetcong Shore Trail; and (iv) various improvements to the DiRenzo Park playground. It is hereby determined and stated that said public buildings being improved are of "Class B" or equivalent construction as defined

in Section 22 of the Local Bond Law (Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, as amended; the "Local Bond Law").

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 305,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 14,525
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 290,475
Period of Usefulness	15 years

B. Undertaking of the following public improvements: (i) reconstruction of the Department of Public Works/Fire House No. 1 parking lot, including drainage improvements; (ii) installation of a central fire alarm system for Borough buildings and facilities; and (iii) planning and design phase for the Bank Street Municipal Parking Lot Project.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 481,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 23,475
Bond and Notes Authorized	\$ 457,525
Period of Usefulness	10 years

Aggregate Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 786,000
Aggregate Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 38,000
Aggregate Amount of Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 748,000

Section 5. The cost of such purposes, as hereinbefore stated, includes the aggregate amount of \$131,250 which is estimated to be necessary to finance the cost of such purposes, including architect's fees, accounting, engineering and inspection costs, legal expenses and other expenses, including interest on such obligations to the extent permitted by Section 20 of the Local Bond Law.

Section 6. It is hereby determined and stated that moneys exceeding \$38,000, appropriated for down payments on capital improvements or for the capital improvement fund in budgets heretofore adopted for said Borough, are now available to finance said purposes. The sum of \$38,000 is hereby appropriated from such moneys to the payment of the cost of said purposes.

Section 7. To finance said purposes, bonds of said Borough of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$748,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law. Said bonds shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law. All matters with respect to said bonds not determined by this ordinance shall be determined by resolutions to be hereafter adopted.

Section 8. To finance said purposes, bond anticipation notes of said Borough of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$748,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law in anticipation of the issuance of said bonds. In the event that bonds are issued pursuant to this ordinance, the aggregate amount of notes hereby authorized to be issued shall be reduced by an amount equal to the principal amount of the bonds so issued. If the aggregate

amount of outstanding bonds and notes issued pursuant to this ordinance shall at any time exceed the sum first mentioned in this section, the moneys raised by the issuance of said bonds shall, to not less than the amount of such excess, be applied to the payment of such notes then outstanding.

Section 9. Each bond anticipation note issued pursuant to this ordinance shall be dated on or about the date of its issuance and shall be payable not more than one year from its date, shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law and may be renewed from time to time pursuant to and within limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law. Each of said bond anticipation notes shall be signed by the Mayor and by a financial officer and shall be under the seal of said Borough and attested by the Borough Clerk or Deputy Borough Clerk. Said officers are hereby authorized to execute said notes in such form as they may adopt in conformity with law. The power to determine any matters with respect to said notes not determined by this ordinance and also the power to sell said notes, is hereby delegated to the Chief Financial Officer who is hereby authorized to sell said notes either at one time or from time to time in the manner provided by law.

Section 10. It is hereby determined and declared that the average period of usefulness of said purposes, according to their reasonable lives, taking into consideration the respective amounts of bonds or notes authorized for said purposes, is a period of 11.94 years computed from the date of said bonds.

Section 11. It is hereby determined and stated that the Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the Borough Clerk of said Borough, and that such statement so filed shows that the gross debt of said Borough, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, is increased by this ordinance by \$748,000 and that the issuance of the bonds and notes authorized by this ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

Section 12. Any funds received from private parties, the County of Morris, the State of New Jersey or any of their agencies or any funds received from the United States of America or any of its agencies in aid of such purposes, shall be applied to the payment of the cost of such purposes, or, if bond anticipation notes have been issued, to the payment of the bond anticipation notes, and the amount of bonds authorized for such purposes shall be reduced accordingly.

Section 13. The Borough intends to issue the bonds or notes to finance the cost of the improvements described in Sections 1 and 4 of this bond ordinance. If the Borough incurs such costs prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes, the Borough hereby states its reasonable expectation to reimburse itself for such expenditures with the proceeds of such bonds or notes in the maximum principal amount of bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance.

Section 14. The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct, unlimited and general obligations of the Borough, and the Borough shall levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Borough for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds and notes, without limitation as to rate or amount.


Section 15. The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Borough Clerk and is available for public inspection.

Section 16. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

**BOROUGH OF NETCONG
COUNTY OF MORRIS
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

By: 
Elmer Still, Mayor

ATTEST:


Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk

Introduced: 4/11/24
Adopted: 5/9/24

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN, BY AND FOR THE WATER UTILITY OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$335,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, 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.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Netcong, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The Borough of Netcong, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey (the "Borough") is hereby authorized to make various public improvements in, by and for the Water Utility of said Borough, as more particularly described in Section 4 hereof. Said improvements shall include all work, materials and appurtenances necessary and suitable therefor.

Section 2. There is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of making the improvements described in Sections 1 and 4 hereof (hereinafter referred to as "purposes"), the respective amounts of money hereinafter stated as the appropriation for said respective purposes. Said appropriation shall be met from the proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized by this ordinance. It is anticipated that a grant in the amount of \$100,000 from the Morris County Community

Development program, pursuant to the Federal Housing and Community Development Act, shall be received by the Borough to finance the cost of the water main project authorized in Section 4.A hereof. Said grant funds shall be applied as set forth in Section 12 hereof. No down payment is required for this bond ordinance pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:2-11(c) and 40A:2-7(h). Said improvements shall be made as general improvements and no part of the cost thereof shall be assessed against property specially benefited.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and stated that the making of such improvements is not a current expense of said Borough.

Section 4. The several purposes hereby authorized for the financing of which said obligations are to be issued are set forth in the following "Schedule of Improvements, Purposes and Amounts" which schedule also shows (1) the amount of the appropriation and the estimated cost of each such purpose, and (2) the estimated maximum amount of bonds and notes to be issued for each such purpose, and (3) the period of usefulness of each such purpose, according to its reasonable life, computed from the date of said bonds:

SCHEDULE OF IMPROVEMENTS, PURPOSES AND AMOUNTS

A. Undertaking of the Amendola Drive Water Main Replacement Project.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 270,000
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 270,000
Period of Usefulness	40 years

B. Undertaking of the rehabilitation of Well No. 1A.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 65,000
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 65,000
Period of Usefulness	15 years

Aggregate Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$335,000
Aggregate Amount of Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$335,000

Section 5. The cost of such purposes, as hereinbefore stated, includes the aggregate amount of \$52,500 which is estimated to be necessary to finance the cost of such purposes, including architect's fees, accounting, engineering and inspection costs, legal expenses and other expenses, including interest on such obligations to the extent permitted by Section 20 of the Local Bond Law (Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, as amended; the "Local Bond Law").

Section 6. It is hereby determined and stated that the Water Utility would have been self-liquidating, as defined in Section 47(a) of the Local Bond Law, during the fiscal year

beginning January 1, 2023, had there been included in the interest and debt redemption charges for such year an amount equal to interest for one year at the rate of four and one half percentum (4 1/2%) per annum on said bonds or notes, and the amount of the first installment of serial bonds legally issuable to finance such purpose plus an amount for charges as aforesaid with respect to all bonds and notes authorized but not issued for such Water Utility.

Section 7. To finance said purposes, bonds of said Borough of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$335,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law. Said bonds shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law. All matters with respect to said bonds not determined by this ordinance shall be determined by resolutions to be hereafter adopted.

Section 8. To finance said purposes, bond anticipation notes of said Borough of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$335,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law in anticipation of the issuance of said bonds. In the event that bonds are issued pursuant to this ordinance, the aggregate amount of notes hereby authorized to be issued shall be reduced by an amount equal to the

principal amount of the bonds so issued. If the aggregate amount of outstanding bonds and notes issued pursuant to this ordinance shall at any time exceed the sum first mentioned in this section, the moneys raised by the issuance of said bonds shall, to not less than the amount of such excess, be applied to the payment of such notes then outstanding.

Section 9. Each bond anticipation note issued pursuant to this ordinance shall be dated on or about the date of its issuance and shall be payable not more than one year from its date, shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law and may be renewed from time to time pursuant to and within limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law. Each of said bond anticipation notes shall be signed by the mayor and by a financial officer and shall be under the seal of said Borough and attested by the Borough Clerk or Deputy Borough Clerk. Said officers are hereby authorized to execute said notes in such form as they may adopt in conformity with law. The power to determine any matters with respect to said notes not determined by this ordinance and also the power to sell said notes, is hereby delegated to the Chief Financial Officer who is hereby authorized to sell said notes either at one time or from time to time in the manner provided by law.

Section 10. It is hereby determined and declared that the average period of usefulness of said purposes, according to their reasonable lives, taking into consideration the respective amounts of bonds or notes authorized for said purposes, is a period of 35.14 years computed from the date of said bonds.

Section 11. It is hereby determined and stated that the Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the Borough Clerk of said Borough, and that such statement so filed shows that the gross debt of said Borough, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, is increased by this ordinance by \$335,000, but said \$335,000 shall be deducted from gross debt pursuant to Section 44(c) of the Local Bond Law and that the issuance of the bonds and notes authorized by this ordinance is permitted by an exception to the debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law as provided in Sections 47(a) and 7(h) of the Local Bond Law.

Section 12. Any funds received from private parties, the County of Morris, the State of New Jersey or any of their agencies or any funds received from the United States of America or any of its agencies in aid of such purposes, shall be applied to the payment of the cost of such purposes, or, if bond

anticipation notes have been issued, to the payment of the bond anticipation notes, and the amount of bonds authorized for such purposes shall be reduced accordingly.

Section 13. The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Borough Clerk and is available for public inspection.

Section 14. The Borough intends to issue the bonds or notes to finance the cost of the improvements described in Sections 1 and 4 of this bond ordinance. If the Borough incurs such costs prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes, the Borough hereby states its reasonable expectation to reimburse itself for such expenditures with the proceeds of such bonds or notes in the maximum principal amount of bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance.

Section 15. The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct, unlimited and general obligations of the Borough, and the Borough shall levy


ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Borough for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds and notes, without limitation as to rate or amount.

Section 16. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

**BOROUGH OF NETCONG
COUNTY OF MORRIS
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

By:  _____
Elmer Still, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk

Introduced: 4/11/24

Adopted: 5/9/24

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF IMPROVEMENTS TO HILLSIDE AVENUE IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$325,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, 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.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Netcong, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The Borough of Netcong, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey (the "Borough"), is hereby authorized to undertake improvements to Hillside Avenue in, by and for the Borough. Said improvements shall include road resurfacing, construction or reconstruction of curbs and sidewalks and drainage improvements, where necessary, and all work, materials and appurtenances necessary and suitable therefor, and shall be undertaken in accordance with plans and specifications prepared or to be prepared by the Borough Engineer and hereby approved and incorporated herein by this reference thereto. Such plans and specifications are on file or shall be placed on file with the Borough Clerk and made available for public inspection during regular business hours. It is hereby determined and stated that said road to be improved is of "Class B" or equivalent construction as defined in Section

22 of the Local Bond Law (Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, as amended; the "Local Bond Law").

Section 2. The sum of \$325,000 is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of making the improvement described in Section 1 of this ordinance (hereinafter referred to as "purpose"). Said appropriation shall be met from the proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized by this ordinance. No down payment is required pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:2-11(c) because this ordinance involves a project to be funded by a State grant. It is anticipated that a grant in the amount of \$286,693 from the New Jersey Department of Transportation shall be received by the Borough to finance the cost of the improvement described in Section 1 hereof. Said grant funds shall be applied as set forth in Section 9 hereof. Said improvement shall be made as a general improvement and no part of the cost thereof shall be assessed against property specially benefited.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and stated that (1) said purpose is not a current expense of the Borough, and (2) it is necessary to finance said purpose by the issuance of obligations of the Borough pursuant to the Local Bond Law, and (3) the estimated cost of said purpose is \$325,000, and (4) the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes necessary to be

issued for said purpose is \$325,000, and (5) the cost of said purpose, as hereinbefore stated, includes the aggregate amount of \$50,000, which is estimated to be necessary to finance the cost of said purpose, including architect's fees, accounting, engineering and inspection costs, legal expenses and other expenses, including interest on such obligations to the extent permitted by Section 20 of the Local Bond Law.

Section 4. To finance said purpose, bonds of the Borough of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$325,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law. Said bonds shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law. All matters with respect to said bonds not determined by this ordinance shall be determined by resolutions to be hereafter adopted.

Section 5. To finance said purpose, bond anticipation notes of the Borough of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$325,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law in anticipation of the issuance of said bonds. In the event that bonds are issued pursuant to this ordinance, the aggregate amount of notes hereby authorized to be issued shall be reduced by an amount equal to the principal amount of the bonds so issued. If the aggregate amount of

outstanding bonds and notes issued pursuant to this ordinance shall at any time exceed the sum first mentioned in this section, the moneys raised by the issuance of said bonds shall, to not less than the amount of such excess, be applied to the payment of such notes then outstanding.

Section 6. Each bond anticipation note issued pursuant to this ordinance shall be dated on or about the date of its issuance, shall be payable not more than one year from its date, shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law and may be renewed from time to time pursuant to and within limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law. Each of said notes shall be signed by the Mayor and by a financial officer and shall be under the seal of the Borough and attested by the Borough Clerk or Deputy Borough Clerk. Said officers are hereby authorized to execute said notes and to issue said notes in such form as they may adopt in conformity with law. The power to determine any matters with respect to said notes not determined by this ordinance, and also the power to sell said notes, is hereby delegated to the Chief Financial Officer who is hereby authorized to sell said notes either at one time or from time to time in the manner provided by law.

Section 7. It is hereby determined and declared that the period of usefulness of said purpose, according to its reasonable life, is a period of ten years computed from the date of said bonds.

Section 8. It is hereby determined and stated that the Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the Borough Clerk of the Borough, and that such statement so filed shows that the gross debt of the Borough, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, is increased by this ordinance by \$325,000 and that the issuance of the bonds and notes authorized by this ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 9. Any funds received from private parties, the County of Morris, the State of New Jersey or any of their agencies or any funds received from the United States of America or any of its agencies in aid of said purpose shall be applied to the payment of the cost of said purpose or, if bond anticipation notes have been issued, to the payment of the bond anticipation notes, and the amount of bonds authorized for said purpose shall be reduced accordingly.

Section 10. The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of

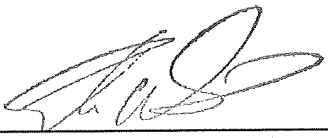
any inconsistency therewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Borough Clerk and is available for public inspection.

Section 11. The Borough intends to issue bonds or notes to finance the cost of the improvement described in Section 1 of this bond ordinance. If the Borough incurs such costs prior to the issuance of such bonds or notes, the Borough hereby states its reasonable expectation to reimburse itself for such expenditures with the proceeds of such bonds or notes in the maximum principal amount of bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance.

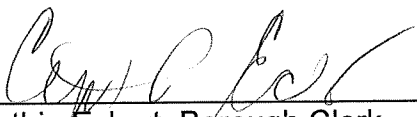
Section 12. The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the obligations authorized by this ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct, unlimited and general obligations of the Borough, and the Borough shall levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Borough for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds and notes, without limitation as to rate or amount.

Section 13. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

BOROUGH OF NETCONG
COUNTY OF MORRIS
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

By: 
Elmer Still, Mayor

ATTEST:


Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk

Introduced: 4/11/24

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