

**BOROUGH OF NETCONG
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
September 5, 2024**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD SEPTEMBER 5, 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 Administer 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.

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

Mr. Wayne Anthony, 24 Dell Ave. asked about the Allen Street Project and if everything was "ironed out." Mr. Blakeslee responded that all items were worked on, it was noted that there is adequate escrow and he is setting up a preconstruction meeting. Mr. Anthony wanted to know if the new contractor had machines there and Mr. Blakeslee responded "Yes." Mr. Anthony was concerned about some piping and drainage. Mr. Blakeslee provided the status for that. There was continued discussion about this site among the Council. Mr. Anthony thanked the Council for their time.

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

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 September 12, 2024.

1. **Minutes** – Agenda Meeting – August 1, 2024
Regular Meeting – August 8, 2024

The approval of the Minutes was moved to the September 12th Meeting as a member of the Council needed more time to review them.

2. **Ordinance Adoptions** –None presented
3. **Correspondence** – None presented
4. **Old Business** – None presented
5. **New Business**- None presented
6. **Resolution 2024-95**- Authorizing the Person-to-Person, Place-to-Place Transfer of Liquor License No. 1428-044-008-005 from Motion Liquors, LLC to Netcong Liquors, LLC

The Council discussed the transfer and restrictions regarding this license.

This resolution was approved by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Morton.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

7. **Resolution 2024-97**-Authorizing the Award of a Contract to Fairmount Services to Replace a Stormwater Pipe Under Center Street

A motion was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

8. **Resolution 2024-98** - Approving Salary for Mark Sylvester

A motion was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

9. **Resolution 2024-99**-Authorizing An Extension of a Contract To Fairmount Repair & Services, LLC For Assistance with Snow Plowing and Salting Services

A motion was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

10. Ordinance Introduction – None presented

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL

The Council President noted that in light of the last meeting, people are looking into fire systems and security in our buildings. He requested candid responses from the Council. It was requested that when the oil burner is done, a firehouse member should be there. Discussion continued about the cameras.

Councilman Albensi asked about completion of the roof on the gazebo. He was concerned that if the job was not completed, there may be debris from the construction that could be a safety issue when there are events at the firehouse.

Councilman Nametko noted the zoning officer was doing a great job. He was hoping the zoning officer could take a look when people put furniture out on Mondays to insure it had the proper sticker on it. He noticed a couch and file cabinet that had been sitting out there too long. No one was going to pick it up. Mr. Blakeslee replied that he would talk to the people involved.

Mr. Laureys reported that opening night at the school for the play "Alice in Wonderland" is tonight and Sunday.

MAYORS COMMENTS

The mayor wanted to talk about the 52 Railroad Avenue water problem that has to be investigated. The Council discussed this issue and spoke about proper resolution.

PROCLAMATION

None presented

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

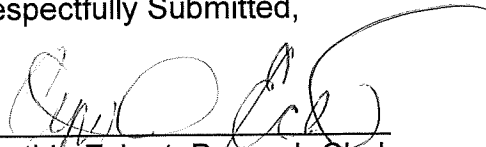
CLOSED SESSION

There was no closed session this evening.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Sylvester at 7:44PM
Roll Call: 6 Yes

Respectfully Submitted,



Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG, COUNTY OF MORRIS,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE PERSON-TO-PERSON AND PLACE-
TO-PLACE TRANSFER OF LIQUOR LICENSE NO. 1428-44-008-005 FROM MOTION
LIQUORS, LLC TO NETCONG LIQUORS, LLC**

WHEREAS, an application has been filed for a Person-to-Person and Place-to-Place Transfer of Plenary Retail Distribution License Number 1428-44-008-005, heretofore issued to Motion Liquors, LLC. as a “pocket license” with a mailing address of 123 Ledgewood Avenue, Netcong, New Jersey 07857; and

WHEREAS, the submitted application form is complete in all respects, the transfer fees have been paid, and the license has been properly renewed for the current license term; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is qualified to be licensed according to all standards established by Title 33 of the New Jersey Statutes, regulations promulgated thereunder, as well as pertinent local ordinances and conditions consistent with Title 33; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has disclosed and the issuing authority reviewed the source of all funds used in the purchase of the license and the licensed business and all additional financing obtained in connection with the license business; and

WHEREAS, the applicant wishes to operate the license at its premises located at 70 Main Street, Netcong, New Jersey, 07857; and

WHEREAS, the Netcong Borough Council wishes to approve this Person-to-Person and Place-to-Place transfer.

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 effective immediately, the Person-to-Person and Place-to-Place transfer of the aforesaid Plenary Retail Distribution License to Netcong Liquors, LLC, located at 70 Main Street in the Borough of Netcong, is hereby approved and the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to endorse the license

certificate to the new ownership as follows: "This license, subject to all its terms and the following special conditions, which shall remain part of the license:

a. The license holder is precluded from the sale of any alcoholic beverages between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. In the event, after a hearing on the charges, the license holder violates this condition of approval, the license shall be suspended for 10 days for the first offense and 20 days for a second offense.

b. For sales of alcoholic beverages to anyone who may appear 24 years or younger, the license holder shall use its best efforts to request the purchaser to sign a statement verifying they are at least 21 years old.

is hereby transferred to Netcong Liquors, LLC, 70 Main Street, Netcong, New Jersey, 07857, effective immediately."

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

BOROUGH OF NETCONG

By: _____

Elmer Still, Mayor

Dated: 9/11/24

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 September 5, 2024

Cynthia Eckert, Clerk

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO FAIRMOUNT SERVICES TO REPLACE A STORMWATER PIPE UNDER CENTER STREET.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Netcong solicited proposals to replace a stormwater pipe under Center Street; and

WHEREAS, the Assistant Superintendent of Public Works solicited two quotes to perform the required work; and

WHEREAS, Fairmount Services submitted the lowest responsible proposal to perform the work; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council wishes to award the contract to Fairmount Services in accordance with its proposal, dated August 13, 2024, in the amount of \$10,880; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Netcong has certified that funds are available for this purpose.

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. A contract to replace stormwater pipe under Center Street is hereby awarded to Fairmount Services, 50 State Route 183, Netcong New Jersey in accordance with its proposal, dated August 12, 2024, for an amount not to exceed \$10,880.
2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

BOROUGH OF NETCONG

By:


Elmer Still, Mayor

Dated:

9/11/24

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 September 5, 2024.



Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk

RESOLUTION #2024-98

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 salary shall be paid, commencing January 1, 2024:

Sylvester, Mark	Fire Official	\$11,800
Boylan, Kyle	Fire Inspector	\$6,250

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 September 5, 2024.


Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXTENSION OF A CONTRACT TO
FAIRMOUNT REPAIR & SERVICES, LLC FOR ASSISTANCE WITH SNOW
PLOWING AND SALTING SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Borough awarded a contract to Fairmount Repair & Services to aid the Borough's DPW for the 2021 - 2022 snow season for plowing and salting services within the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough received **no formal quotes** this year for the performance of said services; and

WHEREAS, the Borough provided an option in the 2021 Request for Proposals that it would be able to extend, on an annual basis for a period not to exceed five (5) years, a contract to the successful contractor; and

WHEREAS, the incumbent contractor, Fairmount Repairs & Services, submitted pricing to perform the required services for the 2024 – 2025 snow season; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6.1(a) provides that the award of the contract shall be made to the vender whose response is most advantageous, price and other factors considered; and

WHEREAS, the Borough's Superintendent of Public Works and the Borough Administrator have reviewed the remaining quote received and recommend the award of the Contract to Fairmount Repair & Services, LLC. based on the prices quoted; and

WHEREAS, the maximum amount of the Contract is below the mandatory bidding threshold; and

WHEREAS, the Borough wishes to extend its contract to Fairmount Repair & Services, LLC in accordance with its proposal for the following hourly rates:

2 - 4 X 4 PICKUP TRUCK WITH AN 8' POWER ANGLE PLOW WITH
OPERATOR AT **\$165.00** PER HOUR.

1 - 4 X 4 MASON DUMP TRUCK WITH A 9' POWER ANGLE PLOW
WITH OPERATOR AT **\$180.00** PER HOUR

1 - TAILGATE SANDER ON MASON DUMP OR SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK WITH OPERATOR AND MATERIALS. (Used only if requested by the Borough) AT **\$180.00** PER HOUR.

1 - 5 YARD SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK WITH A 10' POWER ANGLE PLOW (Used only as a special call out vehicle in the event of a large storm to push back the snow from the sides of the roads) WITH OPERATOR AT **\$195** PER HOUR.

1 - TAILGATE SANDER ON MASON DUMP OR SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK WITH OPERATOR AND MATERIALS (used only if requested by the borough) AT **\$200** PER HOUR.

WHEREAS, the Borough's Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available for this purpose.

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. A contract for snow plowing services is hereby awarded to Fairmount Repair & Services, LLC in accordance with its bid proposal for performing said services at the hourly rates set forth in this Resolution.
2. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with Fairmount Repair & Services, LLC provided the Contract and Certificate of Insurance are approved by the Borough Attorney.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

BOROUGH OF NETCONG

By: _____

Elmer Still, Mayor

Dated: 9/11/22

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 September 5, 2024.

Cynthia Eckert, Clerk