

**BOROUGH OF NETCONG
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
February 13, 2025**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD February 13, 2025 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 21, 2025.

2. Publishing a notice in the Daily Record, the official newspaper of the Borough of Netcong on January 21, 2025 and emailing a copy to the Star Ledger on January 22, 2025.

ROLL CALL

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

SWEAR IN POLICE OFFICER MIGUEL PARDO

Police Chief Van Houten introduced our new police department member and gave a few words. The clerk swore Mr. Pardo in.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. **Approval of Minutes** – January 2, 2025, Reorganization Meeting
2. **Approval of Minutes** – January 9, 2025, Regular Meeting
3. **Approval of Minutes** – January 30, 2025, Special Meeting

A Motion was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Eddy.
Roll Call: 5 Yes Abstain: Councilman Laurey for the Jan. 30th meeting.

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes

ORDINANCE ADOPTIONS

1. **Ordinance 2025-1**- AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO EXECUTE AN APPLICATION FOR A CHARITABLE SOLICITATION PERMIT FOR NETCONG VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY NO. 1's "COIN DROP" MAY 23, 2025, RAIN DATE MAY 24TH, 2025, JULY 18TH, 2025 AND AUGUST 15TH, 2025, RAIN DATE AUGUST 16TH, 2025 AT THE INTERSECTIONS OF ALLEN STREET AND LEDGEWOOD AVENUE AND MAIN STREET AND ROUTE 46 AND ROUTE 183 IN THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

A Motion to Read Ordinance 2025-1 by Title Only on Second Reading and a Hearing Held Thereon was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Morton.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

A Motion to Close Public Hearing on Ordinance 2025-1 was made by Councilman Eddy and seconded by Councilman Morton.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

A Motion to Adopt Ordinance 2025-1 was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Morton.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

CORRESPONDENCE

None Presented.

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Blakeslee mentioned consideration should be made to establish that we do not have any more water or sewer allocations at this time. He stated we still get calls from out-of-town entities. Mr. Rutenberg, borough attorney representative, suggested holding off at this time as you need to be sure the borough will not need to use the allocation. Councilman Nametko had commented on this issue. He feels the highlands document needs to be clarified. There was further discussion among the Council on this issue. Mr. Blakeslee stated he spoke with our planner on this issue. The mayor is concerned about what is stated so it does not affect residents in the borough. There was further discussion among the Council on this subject. The mayor requested any information on this issue should go through our attorney's office first.

Rental Registration Report 2/5/24

January 2025 Report

31 rental inspections done during the month
4 COH resale inspections done
25 Rental Certificates issued

Year-to-Date Report

25 rental units issued (0 non-apartment complex units issued)
46 rental units in-progress* (0 non-apartment complex units in-progress)

*In-progress means one of these statuses: paid, scheduled inspection, failed inspection, getting missing information, under construction.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance & Insurance: J. Nametko J. Sylvester

Councilman Nametko wanted to know why we are paying the county dispatch service the full year fee up front and not in increments. Mr. Blakeslee will clarify with the finance clerk.

For the month of January 2025, the Borough had a total income of \$869,340.14 as compared to \$635,022.63 in 2023.

For the month of January 2025:

Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated (MRNA):

In 2025 the Borough received \$4,837.95 compared to \$2,260.00 in 2024.

Other Licenses/Borough Clerk's Fees:

The Borough received \$40,332.43 in 2025 compared to \$49,772.04 in 2024.

State Aid:

Nothing was received in 2025 or 2024.

Grants in Aid:

We received \$70,461.88 in 2025 and \$2,303.87 in 2024 for Grants in Aid.

Taxes Collected:

The Borough collected \$593,967.47 in 2025 compared to \$469,821.83 in 2024.

Water and Sewer Utility:

The Borough collected \$65,800.24 in 2025 compared to \$56,642.87 in 2024.

Solid Waste Utility:

The Borough collected \$93,950.37 in 2025 compared to \$54,222.02 in 2024.

Total Current Fund Year to Date:

The total Current Fund Income Year to date for 2025 is \$709,589.53 as opposed to \$524,157.74 in 2024.

Total Water and Sewer Utility to Date:

The total Water and Sewer Utility Income Year to date for 2025 is \$65,800.24 as opposed to \$56,642.87 collected in 2024.

Total Solid Waste Utility to Date:

The Solid Waste Utility Income Year to date for 2025 is \$93,950.37 as opposed to \$54,222.02 collected in 2024.

Total of all Funds to Date:

Total collected from all funds Year to date is \$869,340.14 in 2025 compared to \$635,022.63 in 2024.

Economic Development: R. Hathaway J. Nametko

Councilman Nametko stated there was a meeting with the attorneys from Shop Rite- they are proposing a 2-year extension on their project. He is concerned about the PILOT agreement. ShopRite has agreed to meet every quarter for an update. He is concerned they are dragging their feet.

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

Councilman Sylvester noted that Netcong will be in full force with the proper number of officers on duty by Sept. The review of the summer fireworks was completed by the state, and it was determined no impropriety took place. All laws and rules were followed. Councilman Sylvester wanted this to be read into the record. Councilman Nametko asked if the Council could require the Assumption to set off their fireworks at the same place st St. Cesario.

POLICE

Motor -Vehicle Check or Stop: 163
Radar Detail 93
Check Property 130
Check Schools 32
Administrative 90
Total Calls: 801

Fire Department

Calls: 17
• Residential Structure Fires: 1
• Commercial Fire Alarms: 6
• Motor Vehicle Accidents: 3
• CO Alarms: 1
• RIC Assignments: 2
• General Alarms: 4
Total Members: 33
Time Volunteered: 145.1
Drills: 5
. Total Members: 32
. Time Volunteered: 129
Administrative Details: 5
. Total Members: 34
. Time Volunteered: 68 .25

Monthly Total:

- 39 Members
- Time Volunteered: 342 Hours and 21 Minutes

Fire Prevention

Total Inspections: 57

Total Violations: 111

Permits Issued: 20

Penalties: 0

Admin: 5

Dept. of Public

Works & Utilities: M. Eddy R. Hathaway

Road Department; Removed Christmas decorations, attended JIF training, Salted and plowed 3 snow events Cold patched Rt. 206 water main break area, did vehicle maintenance on police vehicles, town wide pothole repair, collected and chipped Christmas trees

Water Department; repaired water leak at 10-12 Dell Ave, repaired water main break at 108 Stoll St, repaired water main break on College Rd. and another on Maple Ave.

Buildings and Grounds; Worked on well 1 and 2 properties (filled pothole, cut back overgrowth and removed silt from brook

Other: Zach attended Right to Know classes

The well pumped 469,400 more gallons in 2025 than 2024.

Recreation: T. Morton T. Laureys

Councilman Morton wished to remind all that on Sat Feb 22nd, the Community Fair will be open to all. On March 8th the St. Patrick Breakfast will be held. In April, there will be the Egg Hunt and Garage Sale Sign Ups. Netcong Day will be held in September. Councilman Nametko stated the NCP is willing to help with Netcong Day. They would like it on Main St. Councilman Morton stated it was requested by the police that the main street event be held off due to construction. There will no longer be an entrance fee for this event. Mr. Blakeslee stated there are 2 Main St. projects which will impede having the event on Main St for at least 2 years.

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

Dial A Ride Report for January 2025

Days of Service: 21

Miles: 1004

Of Stops: 76

Nutrition: for 1: 12
Food Shopping:29
of Meals on Wheels:10
Medical Appointments: 42
Other Appointments:32
People Using Services:31
Cancels:9
Denials:0
Units:198
Hours: 87.75

For the month of January there were 89.72 tons of Garbage picked up in town. That also included 28 bulk items picked up during the month. Total income year to date is \$93,950.37 and total expenses year to date are \$15,082.88.

OLD BUSINESS

None Presented.

NEW BUSINESS

None Presented.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL

The Council President had nothing to report at this time.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

The mayor had no comments at this time.

RESOLUTIONS

1. **Resolution 2025-30**-To Approve 100% Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption- 25 Hillside Ave.
2. **Resolution 2025-31**-To Approve 100% Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption- 2 Prospect St.
3. **Resolution 2025-32** -Authorizing the Refund of Taxes to Lereta, LLC Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.32
4. **Resolution 2025-33** - Resolution To Support Publishing Legal Notices on Official Government Websites

A Motion was made by Councilman Nametko and seconded by Councilman Sylvester to approve the 4 resolutions noted above.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS

1. **Ordinance 2025-2** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE POLICE CHIEF TO EXECUTE AN APPLICATION FOR A CHARITABLE SOLICITATION PERMIT FOR AMERICAN LEGION AMBULANCE CORP OF STANHOPE/NETCONG'S "COIN DROP" ON JUNE 6TH, JUNE 7TH 2025 AND ON SEPTEMBER 5TH, AND SEPTEMBER 6TH 2025, AT THE INTERSECTIONS OF ALLEN STREET AND LEDGEWOOD AVENUE AND MAIN STREET AND ROUTE 46 IN THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

A Motion to Introduce Ordinance #2025-2 and Read by Title Only was made by Councilman Nametko and seconded by Councilman Morton.
Roll Call: 5 Yes

A Motion to Pass Ordinance #2025-2 on First Reading was made by Councilman Laureys and seconded by Councilman Morton.
Roll Call: 5 Yes

REPORTS

A Motion to Incorporate All Reports into the Minutes was made by Councilman Morton and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.
Roll Call: 5 Yes

BILLS

A Motion to Pay All Bills When Funds are Available was made by Councilman Nametko and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.
Roll Call: 5 Yes

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

Mrs. Kim Albensi, 42 College Rd., commented on Netcong Day. Recreation has single handedly run Netcong Day. She detailed the accomplishments and difficulties with hiring an outside company. She stated the recreation wanted it to be moved to Main St. but was told this would not work at this time, so they kept it at Arbolino Park. The mayor stated he did not want it to be called Netcong Day if a fee was being charged. Now that there is no fee being charged, he has no problem calling it Netcong Day. Mr. Blakeslee stated there is a meeting to be held with recreation and NCP next week to discuss this issue. Councilman Nametko gave a comment on what was discussed at the NCP meetings. There was further discussion among the Council on this issue. The mayor stated the Council needs to advise on what these events should be called, and everyone needs to be on the same page. Councilman Nametko had commented on this situation. Mrs.

Albeni wants the recreation to continue running this event. They do not want it to be farmed out to a company.

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes

CLOSED SESSION

A Motion to go into Closed Session was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Morton at 8:14PM.

RESOLUTION

Whereas, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting under certain circumstances; and

Whereas this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

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

1. The public shall be excluded from the remaining portion of this meeting.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:

Contract Negotiations: Land Acquisition

Litigation: Zoning

3. As nearly as can now be ascertained, the matter or matters to be discussed at this time will be disclosed to the public when such matters are resolved.

The Council came out of closed session and resumed the regular meeting at 8:32PM.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Morton at 8:33PM.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk

Ordinance 2025-1

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO EXECUTE AN APPLICATION FOR A CHARITABLE SOLICITATION PERMIT FOR NETCONG VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY NO. 1'S "COIN DROP" MAY 23, 2025, RAIN DATE MAY 24TH, 2025, JULY 18TH, 2025 AND AUGUST 15TH, 2025, RAIN DATE AUGUST 16TH, 2025 AT THE INTERSECTIONS OF ALLEN STREET AND LEDGEWOOD AVENUE AND MAIN STREET AND ROUTE 46 AND ROUTE 183 IN THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, the members of Netcong Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 wish to hold their annual "Coin Drop" on Memorial Day and Columbus Day weekend at the intersections of Allen Street and Ledgewood Avenue and Main Street and Route 46 and Route 183 in the Borough of Netcong; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 39:4-60 requires charitable organizations to obtain municipal approval before soliciting contributions within municipal roadway; and

WHEREAS, charitable organizations are also required to obtain a Charitable Solicitation permit from the New Jersey Department of Transportation (hereinafter, "NJDOT"); and

WHEREAS, the NJDOT application must be accompanied by a certified copy of a municipal ordinance approving the solicitation and authorizing the appropriate municipal official to execute the application on behalf of the municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Borough's Chief of Police has reviewed the Fire Company's solicitation plan and has found same to be acceptable and in accordance with the NJDOT's guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council wishes to approve the Fire Company's request in accordance with the procedures established in N.J.S.A. 39:4-60.

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

SECTION 1. The Borough of Netcong hereby approves Netcong Volunteer Fire Company No. 1's request to hold a "Coin Drop" on Friday, May 23, 2025, Rain date, Saturday, May 24, 2025, Friday, July 18, 2025 and Friday August 15, 2025, Rain date, Saturday, August 16, 2025 at the intersections of

Allen Street and Ledgewood Avenue and Main Street and Route 46 and Route 183. The dates and times approved for said solicitation are as follows: Friday, May 23, 2025, between the hours of 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Rain date, Saturday, May 24, 2025, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Friday, July 18, 2025, between the hours of 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; and Friday, August 15, 2025, between the hours of 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Rain date Saturday, August 16, 2025 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.;

SECTION 2. The approval authorized herein is subject to and expressly conditioned upon the following:

- a. The Fire Company's compliance with all rules, regulations and guidelines promulgated by the NJDOT for charitable solicitations, including, but not limited to, the posting of any and all necessary warning signs; and
- b. The approval of the Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the NJDOT.

SECTION 3. The Chief of Police is hereby authorized and directed to execute the application for a Charitable Solicitation Permit for Netcong Volunteer Fire Company No. 1's "Coin Drop," provided the above-stated conditions are met. The Netcong Borough Police Department shall be responsible for supervising the solicitation and enforcing the terms of the Charitable Solicitation Permit issued by the NJDOT.

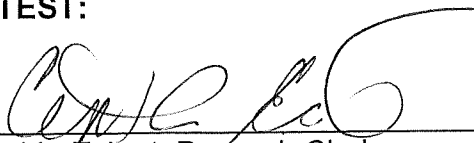
SECTION 4. All ordinances of the Borough of Netcong, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 5. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage, approval and publication as required by law.

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

ATTEST:



Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk

By: 

Elmer Still, Mayor

Introduced: 01/09/2025
Adopted:

RESOLUTION 2025-30
BOROUGH OF NETCONG

WHEREAS, for the year 2025 Block 11 Lot 27 known as 2 Prospect Street is assessed for a total of 384,600 and

WHEREAS, said property owner Reagen Pierre who purchased 2 Prospect Street on December 30, 2024 was issued a letter from the Federal Department of Veterans Affairs dated July 18, 2024 stating that Mr. Pierre has been declared 100% permanently and totally disabled due to his military service; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30, such designation makes the property fully tax exempt.

NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Netcong, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to cancel 2025 property taxes as of January 1, 2025 for the above referenced property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

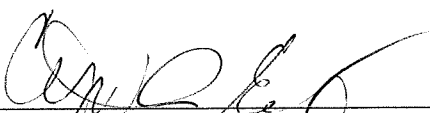
BOROUGH OF NETCONG



Elmer Still, Mayor

Dated: 2/14/25

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Netcong at the meeting held on February 13, 2025.



Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk

RESOLUTION 2025-31

BOROUGH OF NETCONG

WHEREAS, for the year 2025 Block 7 Lot 26 known as 25 Hillside Ave. is assessed for a total of 307,400 and

WHEREAS, said property owner Vance Reid on November 21, 2024 was issued a letter from the Federal Department of Veterans Affairs stating that Mr. Reid has been declared 100% permanently and totally disabled due to his military service; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30, such designation makes the property fully tax exempt.

NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Netcong, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to cancel 2025 property taxes as of January 1, 2025 for the above referenced property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

BOROUGH OF NETCONG



Elmer Still, Mayor

Dated:

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Netcong at the meeting held on February 13, 2025.

Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF
TAXES TO LERETA, LLC, PURSUANT
TO N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.32**

WHEREAS, Vance Reid, 25 Hillside Ave., Netcong, New Jersey, Block 7, Lot 26 on the Official Tax Map of the Borough of Netcong, was certified by the Department of Veterans Affairs as 100% disabled as of November 21, 2024 in accordance with the Veterans Affairs Rating Schedule; and

WHEREAS, Vance Reid applied on January 17, 2025, for a tax exemption on his home known as Block 7, Lot 26 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.32, the Governing Body of a municipality, by appropriate Resolution, may return all taxes collected on property which would have been exempt had a proper claim in writing been made therefore; and


WHEREAS, Lereta, LLC erroneously paid 2025 first quarter property taxes for Vance Reid. It is recommended that the Borough refund property taxes paid by Lereta, LLC on the subject property; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has determined that it is fair and equitable to allow for a refund of taxes to Lereta, LLC.

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 Tax Collector is hereby directed to refund an amount of \$2,625.97 to Lereta, LLC, 901 Corporate Center Dr. Pomona, CA 91768 representing a refund of property taxes paid on property known as Block 7, Lot 26, also known as 25 Hillside Ave., which represents a refund of first quarter 2025 taxes paid.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.


BOROUGH OF NETCONG

By: 
Elmer Still, Mayor

Dated: 2/14/25

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 February 13, 2025.


Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk

RESOLUTION 2025-33

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT PUBLISHING LEGAL NOTICES ON OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT WEBSITES

WHEREAS, the sunset provision of March 1, 2025, imposed under P.L. 2024 c.106 is fast approaching in what was a temporary solution that allowed local governments to comply with the public notice requirements under the law in time for annual reorganization meetings in January; and,

WHEREAS, local government officials serve as the stewards of property taxpayer dollars and should no longer be required to subsidize the newspaper industry with revenues collected from publishing legal notices in the press; and,


WHEREAS, long before NJ Advanced Media's announcement that it was terminating daily print publications in January of 2025, local government officials found it increasingly difficult to comply with the public notice requirements under the law as the media has become almost exclusively digitized and struggled to retain staff, resources, and publications; and,

WHEREAS, legislation that will authorize local governments to publish legal notices on a local government's official website will streamline an antiquated and overly burdensome process and save valuable time, resources, and property taxpayer dollars; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Netcong does in fact, hereby urge state leaders to pass legislation that will authorize municipalities, counties, school districts, and all local governments to publish legal notices in a clear, transparent, and timely manner on a local government's official website.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be sent to Governor Phil Murphy, Senate President Nicholas Scutari, Speaker of the General Assembly Craig Coughlin, Senator Parker Space, Assemblymembers Michael Inganamort and Dawn Fantasia, and the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

BOROUGH OF NETCONG

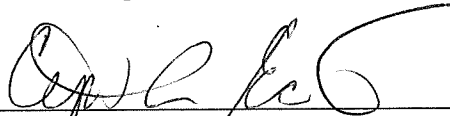
By:  _____

Elmer Still, Mayor

Dated: 2/14/25

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Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk

Ordinance 2025-2

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE POLICE CHIEF TO EXECUTE AN APPLICATION FOR A CHARITABLE SOLICITATION PERMIT FOR AMERICAN LEGION AMBULANCE CORP OF STANHOPE/NETCONG'S "COIN DROP" ON JUNE 6TH, JUNE 7TH 2025 AND ON SEPTEMBER 5TH, AND SEPTEMBER 6TH, 2025 AT THE INTERSECTIONS OF ALLEN STREET AND LEDGEWOOD AVENUE AND MAIN STREET AND ROUTE 46 IN THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, the members of American Legion Ambulance Corp of Stanhope/ Netcong wish to hold their annual "Coin Drop" on June 6th, June 7th 2025, with rain dates of June 20th, June 21st, 2025 and on September 5th, and September 6th, 2025, with rain dates of September 19th, September 20th, 2025 at the intersections of Allen Street and Ledgewood Avenue and Main Street and Rt. 46 in the Borough of Netcong; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 39:4-60 requires charitable organizations to obtain municipal approval before soliciting contributions within a municipal roadway; and

WHEREAS, charitable organizations are also required to obtain a Charitable Solicitation permit from the New Jersey Department of Transportation (hereinafter, "NJDOT"); and

WHEREAS, the NJDOT application must be accompanied by a certified copy of a municipal ordinance approving the solicitation and authorizing the appropriate municipal official to execute the application on behalf of the municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Borough's Chief of Police has reviewed the Ambulance Corp's solicitation plan and has found same to be acceptable and in accordance with the NJDOT's guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council wishes to approve the Ambulance Corp's request in accordance with the procedures established in N.J.S.A. 39:4-60.

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

SECTION 1. The Borough of Netcong hereby approves the American Legion Ambulance Corp of Stanhope/Netcong's request to hold a "Coin Drop" at the intersection of Allen Street and Ledgewood Avenue. The dates and times approved for said solicitation are as follows: Friday, June 6th 2025, between the

hours of 2:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.; Saturday, June 7th, 2025, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with rain dates of June 20th, June 21st, 2025 and on Friday, September 5th, 2025 between the hours of 2:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.; Saturday, September 6th, 2025, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with rain dates of September 19th and September 20th, 2025.

SECTION 2. The approval authorized herein is subject to and expressly conditioned upon the following:

- a. The Ambulance Corp's compliance with all rules, regulations and guidelines promulgated by the NJDOT for charitable solicitations, including, but not limited to, the posting of any and all necessary warning signs; and
- b. The approval of the Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the NJDOT.

SECTION 3. The Chief of Police is hereby authorized and directed to execute the application for a Charitable Solicitation Permit for American Legion Ambulance Corp of Stanhope/Netcong's "Coin Drop," provided the above-stated conditions are met. The Netcong Borough Police Department shall be responsible for supervising the solicitation and enforcing the terms of the Charitable Solicitation Permit issued by the NJDOT.

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Introduced: 2/13/25

Adopted: