

**BOROUGH OF NETCONG
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 6, 2025**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD FEBRUARY 6, 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 Hathaway, Councilman Laureys, Councilman Morton, Councilman Nametko, Councilman Sylvester and Mayor Still. Also present was Mrs. Eckert, Borough Clerk and Mr. Blakeslee, Borough Administrator.

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

Mr. JW Albensi, 42 College Rd., Props to DPW , they had 2 water main breaks which were addressed immediately. He suggested a jack hammer is needed to do their job properly. They got through both breaks quickly.

Mr. Ed Koster, 25 S. Bertrand Rd. Mt. Arlington, referred to a fire meeting on Monday night, they are concerned about the elevator at Co. #1. The DPW superintendent fixes it but it keeps falling into disrepair. Something needs to be done. They are putting in an ADA bathroom but no one will be able to use it if the elevator is not working. They would like an update on the ADA bathroom remodel. Mr. Blakeslee provided an update on this issue. He stated they are trying to establish the funds to pay for it. The designs are 90% done. His last issue is the Christmas tree in the parking lot. The firemen are concerned about putting in another live tree. It needs to be maintained and causes issues if it is not. He would like to find a new way to have a Christmas tree, maybe artificial

or have the tree somewhere else. They would still like to keep the monument. Councilman Hathaway gave his opinion on this issue. He stated this is the time to address this since there will be changes made to the parking lot. There was lengthy discussion on this topic. Councilman Hathaway suggested a cut tree be used each year. Councilman Laureys suggested an artificial tree. There was discussion among the Council on this issue. Councilman Morton feels this needs to be discussed since this is used for recreation events each year. He feels this will change the spirit of the event. Councilman Hathaway stated the design for the new parking lot does allow space for a tree. He gave further detail on possibilities. There were questions about how this will be paid for each year. Councilman Nametko stated a cut tree, on pavement will be easier to accommodate more guests for the tree lighting event. Mr. Koster stated this is a great event at Christmas, however, the way to do the tree needs to change. Mr. Koster asked for better communication from the borough hall as to what is happening. He has a major concern about this elevator. He is asking if the new engineer can inspect the elevator. Councilman Sylvester suggested maybe an indoor elevator would be better. Councilman Hathaway asked if there is a more modern elevator. There was further discussion among the Council on this issue. The mayor stated we must do something about this. Mr. Koster asked Mr. Blakeslee to keep Mr. Kunckel informed on these issues via email.

Mr. JW Albensi, 42 College Rd., wanted to make a comment about the tree. He does not want these costs to come out of the recreation budget. He is concerned about how to tie it down to secure it. There was discussion on the tree issue. He suggested putting the tree toward the back, so it is away from the flag and monument. Maybe a different type of tree. Councilman Hathaway stated he can do some research on this subject. He stated there is a cost to maintain a live tree as opposed to a cut tree. Councilman Hathaway suggested there may be ways to secure this tree. The mayor will have the DPW committee to discuss this tree issue.

Mr. Koster stepped forward again. He suggested maybe having a tree on a trailer.

Mr. Michael Downing provided his perspective of the tree. He gave background information on how the tree came to be.

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

The following items are for discussion purposes only. Any action on these items will take place at the meeting of February 13, 2025.

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

It was determined that the minutes would be held until the February 13th meeting to provide more time for the Council to review them.

4. **Ordinance Adoption – 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**

To be carried to the February 13th meeting.

5. **Correspondence –Lake Board Annual Report**

6. **Old Business – Update- Highlands Consistency and State Plan Conformance**

Mr. Blakeslee emailed it to the Council yesterday. He discussed this issue and noted that the process is about 60% complete. He asked if the Council has any comments, please let him know within the next couple of days. Councilman Hathaway stated this is not a commitment it is just a report on big ticket items wanted. Councilman Laureys asked about the numbers.

7. **New Business – Phoenix Advisors - Proposal**

Mr. Blakeslee stated this was discussed at the last meeting. He stated he went back to them to negotiate. Phoenix did agree to some changes. Mr. Bucco can attach this to the current contract that is being prepared. There was brief discussion on the properties that would be included in this agreement. Mr. Blakeslee stated the Main St. project will not be included in this because this is different from a PILOT. Mr. Blakeslee did remind the Council that the 2% admin fee should cover most of the expense for this. There was further discussion among the Council on this subject. Councilman Laureys asked for a clarifying question on how this process works. He asked this question for the benefit of the public. Mr. Blakeslee gave an explanation on the process and why we need experts to handle these documents and processes. Councilman Laureys also asked that if we did not have these PILOTS we would not need these services.

8. **New Business – Appointment of Timothy Thiel Firefighter for Fire Co. No.2**

A Motion was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Laureys to approve this Appointment.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

9. **Resolution – 2025-28** – Appoint New Police Officer Miguel Pardo

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

10. **Resolution – 2025-29**-Sale of Municipal Surplus

A Motion was made by Councilman Nametko and seconded by Councilman Hathaway to approve this resolution.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

11. **Ordinance Introduction – 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

To be carried to the February 13th meeting.

12. **Proclamation** - None presented.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL

Councilman Sylvester reported that we received a plaque from a town in Italy which has been a sister town to the St. Cesario Society. He is vacationing there in June and would like to bring something to them when he goes. He will have more detailed information at a future meeting.

Councilman Eddy would like to commend our DPW for handling the water main breaks. He would like to be sure the jack hammer we purchase for our equipment will be correct and handle this. He would like to know what it would cost to purchase a diaphragm pump. Mr. Blakeslee stated Mr. Hess is already getting quotes on this. There is capital money available to replace it. He thanked the office staff for their work.

Councilman Morton said the first Community Day will take place Feb. 22nd which will be held at the Netcong School. He would like Council members to attend. Councilman Nametko asked if there was any application form.

MAYORS COMMENTS

He stated the DPW did a great job on the roads with today's storm.

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

CLOSED SESSION

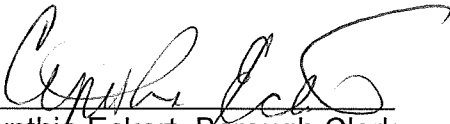
It was decided to have a Closed Session at the next meeting regarding:

Contract Negotiations - Land Purchase

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made by Councilman Hathaway and moved by unanimous voice vote and 8:12PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk

Resolution #2025-28

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 appointment is hereby made:

1. Miguel S. Pardo as Patrolman of the Netcong Police Department, effective February 13, 2025, pending appropriate background check.
2. Patrolman Pardo shall be paid a salary of \$60,779.00 plus longevity in recognition of his previous 6 1/2 years of law enforcement experience.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

BOROUGH OF NETCONG

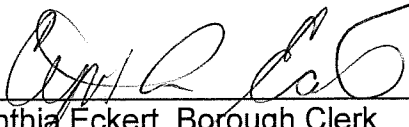
By: 

Elmer Still, Mayor

Dated:

CERTIFICATION

I, Cynthia Eckert, Clerk of the Borough of Netcong, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Borough at a meeting held on February 6, 2025.


Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF
MUNICIPAL SURPLUS PROPERTY**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Netcong is the owner of certain surplus property which is no longer needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has determined that the surplus property is no longer needed for public purposes; and

WHEREAS, the sale of said property can be provided by Municibid under State of New Jersey, Contract 19-GNSV1-00696; and

WHEREAS, the Borough wishes to sell said items of surplus property at the Municibid Internet auction site to the highest bidder pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36 and the provisions of Local Finance Notice 2008-9.

WHEREAS, the Borough wishes to post an offer to sell said surplus property in an "as is" condition without express or implied warranties.


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 Borough Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to post an offer to sell surplus property on Municibid auction website as follows:

- (1) The sale of the surplus property shall be conducted through Municibid pursuant to State Contract T-2581 in accordance with the terms and conditions of the State Contract.
- (2) The sale will be conducted online, and the address of the auction site is Municibid.com.
- (3) The sale is being conducted pursuant to Local Finance Notice 2008-9.
- (4) The attached schedule of municipal personal property is hereby declared to be surplus and no longer needed for public purposes.
- (5) The surplus property as identified shall be sold in an "as-is" condition with no representation as to the condition or use of said property and no warranty, either express or implied, is made by the Borough in connection with the sale of said property.
- (6) The Borough reserves the right to accept or reject any bid submitted.

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 the foregoing to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Borough at a meeting held on January 9, 2025.



Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk

SCHEDULE OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED

Phones

	Brand	Fixed Asset #	Model
1	NEC	0483	DLV(XD)Z-Y(BK)
2	NEC	0527	ILV(XD)Z-Y(BK)
3	NEC	N/A	DLV(XD)Z-Y(BK)
4	NEC	0488	DLV(XD)Z-Y(BK)
5	NEC	0444	DLV(XD)Z-Y(BK)
6	NEC	N/A	ILV(XD)Z-Y(BK)
7	ProSeries	0311	90135013
8	NEC	0493	DLV(XD)Z-Y(BK)
9	NEC	0516	DLV(XD)Z-Y(BK)
10	NEC	0506	DLV(XD)Z-Y(BK)
11	NEC	0505	DLV(XD)Z-Y(BK)
12	NEC	0465	DLV(XD)Z-Y(BK)
13	NEC	0477	DLV(XD)Z-Y(BK)
14	NEC	0478	DLV(XD)Z-Y(BK)
15	NEC	0459	DLV(XD)Z-Y(BK)
16	NEC	0468	DLV(XD)Z-Y(BK)
17	NEC	0475	DLV(XD)Z-Y(BK)
18	NEC	0454	DLV(XD)Z-Y(BK)
19	NEC	N/A	DZV(XD)W-3Y(BK)
20	NEC	0450	DLV(XD)Z-Y(BK)
21	NEC	0499	DLV(XD)Z-Y(BK)
22	NEC	0451	DLV(XD)Z-Y(BK)
23	NEC	N/A	IZV (XD) W-3Y (BK)

Tablets

	Brand	Model	Serial Number	Fixed Asset
1	Lenovo	TB-X606F	HA16CHTM	0563
2	Lenovo	TB-X606F	HA16CDW3	0562
3	Lenovo	TB-X606F	HA16CT56	0561
4	Lenovo	TB-X606F	HA16D2AY	N/A

Truck

	Brand	Model	Mileage	Year	Vin #
1	Ford	F700	5235	1993	1FDNK74C8PVA15206

Fire Jackets

	Brand	Size	Length	Serial #	Model/Style
1	Globe Fire Fighter Suits	44	35	2831618	Trad Coat

2	Globe Fire Fighter Suits	48	35	2411438	Trad Coat
3	Globe Fire Fighter Suits	46	35	2831619	Trad Coat
4	Globe Fire Fighter Suits	52-1	32	3509241	Gxtreme Jacket
5	Globe Fire Fighter Suits	44	35	2411435	Trad Coat
6	Globe Fire Fighter Suits	48	35	2652170	Trad Coat
7	Globe Fire Fighter Suits	42	32	4814579	Gxtreme Jacket
8	Globe Fire Fighter Suits	44	32	4148030	GX-7 Jacket
9	Globe Fire Fighter Suits	40	35	2218076	Trad Coat
10	Globe Fire Fighter Suits	46	35	1666674	Trad Coat
11	Globe Fire Fighter Suits	44	35	1666676	Trad Coat
12	Globe Fire Fighter Suits	58	35	2522543	Trad Coat
13	Globe Fire Fighter Suits	46	32	35509239	Gxtreme Jacket
14	Globe Fire Fighter Suits	46	35	2831620	Trad Coat
15	Globe Fire Fighter Suits	36	35	2652168	Trad Coat
16	Globe Fire Fighter Suits	50	32	3738377	Gxtreme Jacket
17	Globe Fire Fighter Suits	42	35	2652169	Trad Coat
18	Globe Fire Fighter Suits	42	35	2411433	Trad Coat

Fire Pants

	Brand	Size	Length	Serial #	Model/Style
1	Globe Fire Fighter Suits	42	26	2831623	Traditional
2	Fire Dex	LG	29	22377	PE
3	Globe Fire Fighter Suits	46	28	1666680	Traditional
4	Globe Fire Fighter Suits	42	30	3738381	Gxtreme Trouser
5	Globe Fire Fighter Suits	44	30	2411442	Traditional
6	Fire Dex	44	29	34426	PE
7	Chieftain	LG	N/A	N/A	357
8	Fire Dex	XL	29	22322	PE
9	Globe Fire Fighter Suits	42	28	4343695	Gx-7 Trouser
10	Globe Fire Fighter Suits	42	28	4499157	Gxtreme Trouser
11	Globe Fire Fighter Suits	42	28	3738379	Gxtreme Trouser
12	Globe Fire Fighter Suits	44	28	3509242	Gxtreme Trouser
13	Fire Dex	44	29	34428	PE
14	Globe Fire Fighter Suits	38	28	4499156	Gxtreme Trouser
15	Globe Fire Fighter Suits	42	28	4343694	Gx-7 Trouser

Police

	Brand	Serial #	Model/Style
1	Varied		Computer mouse
2	Varied		Misc. Cables
3	Unknown		Vehicle Rack Rifle/Shoptgun Electronic Unlock
4	Unknown		Vehicle Rack Rifle/Shoptgun Electronic Unlock
5	Varied		7 Computer Key Boards

6	Toshiba	BCA103004881	Color TV
7	Dell	CN-ORNMH6-74445-9CI-BF7S	Flat Panel Monitor
8	Canon	QC4-6056-DB01-01	Multi-Function Printer
9	Guardian	804661.1201	Crossmatch Finger Pring Scanner
10	Dell	3YJR8-A01	Desktop Computer
11	Dell	95P04J1	Computer
12	Dell	7VH9D A01	Computer

Office

	Brand	Model/Style
1	Frigidaire	Air Conditioner
2	Aurora	Shredder