

**BOROUGH OF NETCONG
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 3, 2025**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD APRIL 3, 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

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 April 10, 2025.

1. **Minutes** – March 6, 2025
Minutes – March 13, 2025

A Motion was made by Councilman Nametko and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SID COST ESTIMATE

To be held for the April 10th Meeting.

Resolution #2025-- Resolution to Approve the 2025 Cost Estimate for the Borough's Special Improvement District.

To be held for the April 10th Meeting.

2. **Ordinance Adoption** –None presented
3. **Correspondence** - Letter of Resignation – William Skillen

The resignation was accepted by the Council. The Mayor had several comments. He stated committee issues should be taken care of by each committee chair. Councilman Nametko stated motions should be made by the committee chair at meetings. Councilman Hathaway asked who Mr. Skillen reports to. The Mayor stated he would report to the Mayor. The Mayor has cancelled the municipal alliance for this year. If we can find a new person to chair it, we will reinstate it. There was brief discussion on this subject among the Council. The Mayor thanked Mr. Skillen for the work that he did before his resignation.

4. **Old Business-** None presented
5. **New Business-** 2025 Municipal Budget

The Mayor asked Ralph Blakeslee, Administrator, to speak on this subject. Councilman Nametko, Finance Chair, provided several comments on this budget and some changes that will be made in October for next year's budget. They will try to implement a 3-year capital plan. He stated we have kept our fund balance steady and debt is continued to be paid down. He thanked the finance committee for their great job. He feels this is a good budget. The CFO and Auditor will be here next week to speak on the 2025 budget. Mr. Blakeslee went on to explain the process. Councilman Nametko asked to review the bond and capital ordinances before they are given to the full Council. It was also suggested older capital funds be closed out and put into the capital fund. Councilman Nametko stated we have stayed in the cap despite a decrease of \$600,000 NVT. Mr. Blakeslee stated some of the decreases are due to demolition of several buildings and fire damage which will be replaced going forward with new buildings. He stated the 100% disabled vets are dipping into our NVT. We need to discuss with our legislators to have reimbursement for these properties.

6. **Resolutions voted by Block**

Resolution – Resolution 2025-36 – Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement with the Township of Roxbury for the Furnishing of Street Sweeping and Jet Vacuum Services in Accordance with the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1, Et Seq. for a Term of Four Years Commencing April 3, 2025 and Terminating December 31, 2029

Resolution – Resolution 2025-37-To Redeem Tax Sale Certificate 24-00003- 9 Center Street.

Resolution – Resolution 2025-38-100% Disabled Vet – 17 Highland Ave.

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

7. **Ordinance Introduction-** None presented.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL

Councilman Laureys had commented about SID budgets from previous years. He wanted to make sure there would be a complete budget offered to the Council this year. He had several comments on the previous year's budgets for the SID. Councilman Nametko did not remember the SID being temporary as Councilman Laureys stated. Councilman Eddy asked if the town owns the Christmas decorations. Councilman Hathaway explained that Sid pays for the decorations which far exceed the \$6000.00 the town provides. He provided additional details regarding some of the things the SID has paid for overtime. The Mayor stated the town owns all of this though it was purchased by the SID. Councilman Laureys would like to get numbers on what the SID has spent their money on. Councilman Hathaway stated Councilman Laureys is welcome to come to any SID meeting to see how they operate. Councilman Hathaway had further comments on this issue.

Councilman Eddy attended the NEF St Patty's event with his wife. It was excellent. Councilman Hathaway stated it was a very successful event. Councilman Sylvester reported that there will be Fish and Chips next Friday.

MAYORS COMMENTS

The Mayor had no comments at this time.

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

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

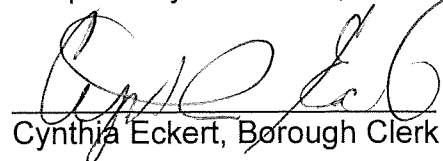
Roll Call: 6 Yes

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Eddy at 8:31 PM.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

Respectfully Submitted,


Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES
AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF ROXBURY FOR THE
FURNISHING OF STREET SWEEPING AND JET VACUUM SERVICES
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE UNIFORM SHARED SERVICES AND
CONSOLIDATION ACT, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1, ET SEQ. FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS
COMMENCING APRIL 3, 2025 AND TERMINATING DECEMBER 31, 2029**

WHEREAS, the Township of Roxbury has agreed to provide street sweeping and jet vacuum truck services to the Borough of Netcong for a term of five (5) years beginning April 3, 2025 and terminating December 31, 2029; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Netcong finds that it is in the public interest to enter into a shared services agreement with the Township of Roxbury, in the form attached hereto for the provision of said services in accordance with the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1, et seq.; and

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 Shared Services Agreement with the Township of Roxbury for street sweeping and jet vacuum services. Said Agreement is for a term of five (5) years and is on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk and may be inspected by the public during normal business hours.
2. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute said Shared Services Agreement on behalf of the Borough.
3. A copy of the fully executed Agreement as well as the Resolution authorizing same shall be provided to the Department of Community Affairs ("DCA") in accordance with

N.J.S.A. 5:23-4.6(b)1. The Borough Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to coordinate with the Roxbury Township Clerk the filing of said documents with DCA.

4. The Borough Clerk is further authorized and directed to provide a copy of the fully executed Agreement to the Morris County Joint Insurance Fund for its file.

5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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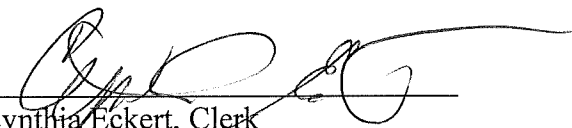
Dated: 4/4/25

By: 
Elmer Still, Mayor

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 April 3, 2025

Dated: 4/4/25


Cynthia Eckert, Clerk

RESOLUTION 2025-37

TO REDEEM TAX SALE CERTIFICATE 24-00003

WHEREAS, the Borough of Netcong held a Municipal Tax Sale on November 20, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Block 24 Lot 7, assessed to Luis F. Correla was listed on the tax sale in the amount of \$242.05 and was sold to Bala Partners, LLC; and

WHEREAS, the bank holding the mortgage on the property wishes to redeem this lien in the amount of \$1,588.28; and

WHEREAS, the bank holding the mortgage for the property has provided payment to the Borough with bank check number 1100535342 in the amount of \$1,588.28 for the redemption of the above-referenced tax sale certificate; and

WHEREAS, the redemption was calculated to April 3, 2025; and

WHEREAS, there was a premium paid in the amount of \$600.00, and

WHEREAS, the purchaser at the tax sale is entitled to payment with interest calculated to the date funds are authorized and delivered to them.

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 Finance Assistant is hereby authorized to disburse \$2,188.28 to the order of Bala Partners, LLC, P.O. Box 303, Pottersville, NJ 07979 in accordance with the redemption of the above-referenced Tax Sale Certificate.

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By: _____

Elmer Still, Mayor

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 April 3, 2025.

Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk

RESOLUTION 2025-38

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WHEREAS, for the year 2025 Block 2 Lot 6 known as 17 Highland Ave. is assessed for a total of 355,700 and

WHEREAS, said property owner Gonzalo E. Pimentel who purchased 17 Highland Ave. on October 21, 2022 was issued a letter from the Federal Department of Veterans Affairs dated March 11, 2025 stating that Mr. Pimentel 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.

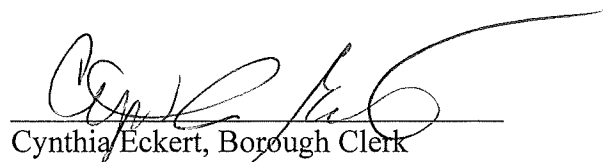
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Elmer Still, Mayor

Dated: 4/4/25

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 April 3, 2025.



Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk