

**BOROUGH OF NETCONG
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
May 8, 2025**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD MAY 8, 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None presented.

NETCONG BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Netcong School Budget

Mrs. Kathleen Walsh, Superintendent and Mr. Paul Stabile, Business Administrator stepped forward to present their budget. Mrs. Walsh began by reviewing accomplishments for 2024-2025 which included capital projects and programs for the students. She continued with the budget goals for the 2025-2026 school year, which include capital and student programs. She then provided the statistics on the student enrollment and gave information on the state increasing costs.

Mr. Stabile stepped forward to explain the state aid numbers. He reported how the state formula works and how the state establishes the amount of aid that the district is eligible for and the reason for the 15% increase in the tax levy. He explained the issue arises because the state aid has been cut this year. Mrs. Walsh stated they will apply for extraordinary aid but there are no guarantees that they will receive it. She explained special education costs are increasing for the following year. Mrs. Walsh explained the current shared services with other entities. Mr. Stabile provided the numbers comparing the current year to next year. He stated the debt service is continuing to decrease. He stated there is no capital budget for next year. There are several capital projects to be completed with the funds from this year's budget. He then reviewed the tax impact. Mr. Stabile provided a detailed comparison of the tax levy from 1995 to current. Mrs. Walsh summarized the presentation.

The mayor asked if anyone in the audience had questions for the board. Mr. Rick Sylvester, Allen St. wanted to know if there was a study for regionalizing the districts. Mrs. Walsh stated the application was submitted but they are waiting on the approval of the grant to do the study. He asked if there would be an influx of funds for this year for attendance. Mr. Stabile stated 'no.' The Mayor asked if the council had questions. Councilman Laureys had a question about sending students out of the district. Mr. Stabile noted the cost to the district. He stated 100,000.00 for one of the students, 90,000.00 for another which does not include travel. 1.2 million will be needed to send special needs students out of the district for 10 children. Councilman Sylvester asked when this would end. Mrs. Walsh did not have an answer. Councilman Sylvester stated the taxpayers cannot continue to bear these increases. Mrs. Walsh is aware of this situation. She realizes this is problematic. Mr. Stabile gave detail on the problems with the state aid. He stated the state needs to decide how to correct the state aid program. He wished there was a better explanation on the state formula. Councilman Hathaway stated we realize the only solution to this is regionalization. He wants to know how the council and residents can move this forward. The study for regionalization could take 9 months to a year. The earliest to vote on the regionalization could take as long as 2-3 years after the study. Councilman Nametko asked if there is a cost study on regionalization. Councilman Hathaway asked if the other districts are having the same issues. Mr. Stabile stated they are worse than Netcong. They gave further issues with this issue. Mrs. Walsh gave examples of other towns that have had to close schools and cut positions. Councilman Sylvester asked why there is a 15% increase. Mrs. Walsh explained because of student enrollment.

Mrs. Walsh introduced the school architect who is here to discuss the referendum. Frank Messineo, architect for the school since 2021, discussed the possible ways to improve the school. He stated there are capacity limitations. He gave detail on the referendum for 2026. The original section of the building is 99 years old. State aid is available when the project is funded through a referendum. He explained the process for this referendum which began in 2021. He added the details year by year. He continued with the timeline for the referendum. He gave the capital components as well as the educational components. He provided a floor plan showing the improvements and changes. There were also renderings of the possibilities for the modular unit and interior changes. He then

provided the projected costs of the educational project: \$7,400,000.00. Total cost with fees and 10% contingency: \$9,000,000.00. \$2,000,000: debt service, \$7,000,000.00 to taxpayers. Tax impact would be \$420.00 per year for the average home in Netcong. The district will have an assessment calculator on their website to see what the average annual impact is for residents to use. He then gave the effects of doing nothing. No detailed designs will be done until the referendum passes. This presentation will be available on the school website for residents to view. He continued with facts and answers to common questions.

Mr. Rick Sylvester asked what the projected number increase is for this expansion. Mr. Messineo stated it is based on the current enrollment. He expanded on this subject. Councilman Sylvester wanted to know why this is not being put on pause until the regionalization is done. Councilman Sylvester asked if this can be done without being all in. Mr. Messineo responded. He stated the district is not putting these requirements on, they are coming from the DOE. There was discussion among class size numbers. Mr. Blakeslee had one comment about the online assessment. It should be stated it is the assessed value.

Mrs. Lea Behmer, was concerned about how much money was needed from the taxpayers and how does this work and where is all the money going? The Mayor provided a general explanation of the larger portions of the budget.

Mrs. Kate Trackim, Kings Rd., asked what the life of the modular improvements are. Mr. Messino stated it was 20 years.

A Motion to close the public portion of the meeting was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

The mayor thanked the school board for their presentation.

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF THE 2025 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Valerie Dolan, Auditor and Jason Gabloff, CFO To Address Mayor and Council

Mr. Gabloff and Mrs. Dolan stepped forward to comment on the budget. She stated we are taking a self-exam this year. It is within the caps. The increase for an average home is about \$60.00

Ordinance 2025-3- Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank.

A Motion to Read Ordinance 2025-3-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 Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

A Motion to Adopt Ordinance 2025-3 was made by Councilman Nametko and seconded by councilman Sylvester.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

Resolution 2025-45-Resolution for Self-Examination of the 2025 Budget

A Motion to Adopt Resolution for Self-Examination of the 2025 Budget was made by Councilman Nametko and seconded by councilman Sylvester.
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 Sylvester.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

Resolution 2025-46-To Read the 2025 Budget by Title Only.

A Motion to Read the 2025 Budget by Title Only was made by Councilman Nametko and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

Resolution 2025-47-To Adopt the 2025 Budget.

A Motion to Adopt the 2025 Budget was made by Councilman Nametko and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

Mrs. Dolan provided highlights on the audit. She recited the fund balances for the operating accounts. They are still fiscally sound but need to think about increasing rates. She continued by giving the debt info. Overall, there were two comments. One is segregation of duties. The second was interfund transfers that need to be cleared. This comment has already been corrected. One suggestion to management is to be mindful of federal funds that could be audited in the future.

ANNUAL AUDIT

Councilman Nametko stated we will be taking a very close look at future capital projects.

1. Resolution #2025-48- Certification of the Annual Audit.

A Motion was made by Councilman Nametko and seconded by Councilman Sylvester to approve this Resolution.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

2. Resolution #2025-49-To Approve the 2024 Corrective Action Plan.

A Motion was made by Councilman Nametko and seconded by Councilman Sylvester to approve this Resolution.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2025 SID ASSESSMENTS

A Motion to close the Public Hearing was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Nametko.

Roll Call: 5 Yes No: Councilman Laureys

Resolution #2025-50- Approving the Property Assessments for the Netcong Community Partnership Special Improvement District of the Borough of Netcong.

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes No: Councilman Laureys

Resolution #2025-51- Approving the Introduction of the 2025 Budget of the Netcong Community Partnership Special Improvement District and Authorizing a Public Hearing to Be Held Thereon.

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes No: Councilman Laureys

ORDINANCE ADOPTIONS

1. Bond Ordinance 2025-4- BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$365,500 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE A STATE GRANT, 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 2025-4-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 Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Laureys.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

A Motion to Adopt Bond Ordinance 2025-4 was made by Councilman Nametko and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

2. Bond Ordinance 2025-5- 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 \$155,000 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 Bond Ordinance 2025-5- 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 Laureys and seconded by Councilman Eddy.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

A Motion to Adopt Bond Ordinance 2025-5 was made by Councilman Nametko and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

3. Bond Ordinance 2025-6- BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF IMPROVEMENTS TO BARONE STREET IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$360,000 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 Bond Ordinance 2025-6-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 Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Eddy.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

A Motion to Adopt Bond Ordinance 2025-6 was made by Councilman Nametko and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Resignation Letter – Matthew Paonessa

The Council wished him the best.

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Blakeslee stated Mrs. Repp would like to put on the record one of the buildings to be slated for demolition was purchased by her uncle and published a paper and died in 1937. He thanked the finance committee for their help on the budget. Councilman Hathaway asked about the trail grant. Mr. Blakeslee stated that was an error. Councilman Laureys asked about the Water St. project.

Rental Registration Report 5/6/25

April 2025 Report

128 rental inspections completed during the month. (17 of which failed)

8 COH resale inspections completed

18 Tenant change inspections completed

Apparently 34 Bank has mailed us a check two weeks ago for their inspections we typically do in

April/May. Still have not received it and I have followed up. Waiting for their response.

Sent out warning letters to all non-responsive landlords in April. Summonses will be issued after the May 31st deadline.

Year-to-Date Report

255 rental units issued (126 of these are apartment complex units issued)

73 rental units in-progress* (0 of these are apartment complex units in-progress)

671 units not responded yet (594 of these are apartment complex units)

999 rental units total (720 are apartment complex units)

*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 thanked the mayor and finance committee for their work on the budget. He hopes the taxpayers understand the PILOTS have helped our budget. The school does not lose money from the PILOTS; they are fully funded. He provided detail on the debt and thanked the council for their diligence. We went to a groundbreaking this week, that project should bring more revenue when it is complete.

The mayor thanked the finance committee and those involved in preparing the budget.

For the month of April 2025, the Borough had a total income of \$583,083.90 as compared to \$665,681.16 in 2024.

For the month of April 2025:

Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated (MRNA):

In 2025 the Borough received \$8,776.25 compared to \$9,738.68 in 2024.

Other Licenses/Borough Clerk's Fees:

The Borough received \$24,418.58 in 2025 compared to \$36,997.21 in 2024.

Interest rates have dropped so this is the cause of this deficiency.

State Aid:

Nothing was received in 2025 or 2024.

Grants in Aid:

We received nothing in 2025 and \$3,529.18 in 2024 for Grants *in Aid*.

Taxes Collected:

The Borough collected \$465,816.68 in 2025 compared to \$543,265.03 in 2024.

Water and Sewer Utility:

The Borough collected \$53,515.11 in 2025 compared to \$40,085.88 in 2024.

Solid Waste Utility:

The Borough collected \$30,557.28 in 2025 compared to \$32,065.18 in 2024.

Total Current Fund Year to Date:

The total Current Fund Income Year to date for 2025 is \$4,427,165.08 as opposed to \$3,687,547.10 in 2024.

Total Water and Sewer Utility to Date:

The total Water and Sewer Utility Income Year to date for 2025 is \$481,289.46 as opposed to \$458,997.19 collected in 2024.

Total Solid Waste Utility to Date:

The Solid Waste Utility Income Year to date for 2025 is \$151,743.35 as opposed to \$120,337.40 collected in 2024.

Total of all Funds to Date:

Total collected from all funds Year to date is \$5,060,197.89 in 2025 compared to \$4,266,881.69 in 2024.

Economic Development: R. Hathaway J. Nametko

- Many of the council attended the Allen Manor ground breaking this week.
- Motion Auto project is progressing as well.
- Demolition should begin on the Main Street Rock Solid project.
- The Main St. improvements have begun.
- The EDC will be meeting with the planner for the potential of the area in need of rehabilitation on the 15th.

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

Police Department

Motor Vehicle Check or Stop: 231

Check Property: 201

Check Schools: 40

Administrative: 74

Total Service Calls: 894

Fire Department

The following is a list of all activities for Netcong Fire Department for April, 2025.

Calls: 11

• Mutual Aid: 8

• General Alarms: 3

Total Members: 24

Time Volunteered: 26.80 Hours

Drills: 6

. Total Members: 31

. Time Volunteered: 158 Hours

Administrative Details: 4

. Total Members: 50

. Time Volunteered: 215 Hours

Monthly Total:

• 50 Members

• Time Volunteered: 399 Hours and 48 Minutes

Fire Prevention

Bureau Monthly Hours: 70 Hours

Additional Monthly Notes: Fire Official Sylvester and Inspector Boylan attended the International Association of Arson Investigators International

Training Conference.
Total Inspections: 23
Total Violations Found: 19
Fire Safety Permits Issued: 1
Fire Dept. Follow-Ups: 2

Ambulance Corps.

Total Calls: 48
Total: 37 Patients
Total Hospital Trips: 25
Miles Travelled: 720
Hours Volunteered: 183 hours 44 minutes
Stanhope Fire Department: 1 Assist

Dept. of Public

Works & Utilities: M. Eddy R. Hathaway

Road Department; collected 82 cubic yards of brush, 124 cubic yards of leaves and 8 cubic yards of grass. Cleaned and performed maintenance on snow equipment for storage, prepped lawn equipment for use. Allen terr. paved and new speed tables installed, removed winter banners,

Water Department;

Sewer Department;

Buildings and Grounds; Started doing lawn maintenance on town properties

Parks and Recreations; poured 2 of the concrete bases for the garbage cans at Dorenzo Park.

Recycling; Joe completed the tonnage report and submitted it

Other: Joe and Zack took a playground safety course, the department attended a few Jiff training seminars

Recreation: T. Morton T. Laureys

Councilman Morton reported that the garage sale will be next weekend. There are 34 houses signed up. Every house participating will have a lawn sign. Kids day in the park June 20th. Looking for judges for a sidewalk chalk contest.

There is a new partnership with recreation and NCP which has come from the task force. NCP will be a sponsor for the summer concerts. There will be signs around the town advertising local businesses. NCP logo signs will be hung at the concerts and flyers handed out for NCP.

The Task Force met last Friday: quarterly newsletter to be done by the mayor: one page front and back included with the water bill. The school (part of the task force) will advertise the alert system. A welcome inclusion back and possible translating service for the website.

Public Services:
(Human Services
Recycling & Solid
Waste Disposal)

T. Laureys

M. Eddy

Dial A Ride Report for April
Days of Service: 20
Miles: 1120
Of Stops: 76
Nutrition: for 1: 12
Food Shopping: 29
of Meals on Wheels: 10
Medical Appointments: 44
Other Appointments: 30
People Using Services: 26
Cancels: 5
Denials: 0
Units: 200
Hours: 82.25

OLD BUSINESS

None presented.

New BUSINESS

None presented.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL

The Council President had nothing to add at this time.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Get monuments cleaned up for Memorial Day. Councilman Nametko will be speaking at the lake.

The American legion has donated flags.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution 2025-52- Authorizing the Tax Collector to Prepare and Mail Estimated Tax Bills in Accordance with P.L. 1994, C. 72.

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

2. Resolution 2025-53- Authorizing a Morris County Trail Construction Grant Application

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

3. Resolution 2025-54-To Appoint the Vozza Agency as the Borough's Producer of Record for the Term of May 1, 2025- December 31, 2026 for its Membership in the North Jersey Municipal Employees Benefit Fund

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

4. Resolution 2025-55- 2025 Salary Resolution

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

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS

1. **Ordinance 2025-7-** Amending Chapter 217, "Parks"; Chapter 228, "Rental Property"; and Chapter 169, "Food and Beverage Vendors Licensing", of the Code of the Borough of Netcong

A Motion to Introduce Ordinance #2025-7 and Read by Title Only was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

A Motion to Pass Ordinance #2025-7 on First Reading was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

REPORTS

A Motion to Incorporate All Reports into the Minutes was made by Councilman Sylvester 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 seconded by Councilman Sylvester.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

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


CLOSED SESSION

None this evening.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Morton at 9:15PM.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

Respectfully Submitted,


Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk

Ordinance 2025-3

CALENDAR YEAR 2025

**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 2025 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 \$40,473.35 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 2025 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 \$141,656.73 and that the CY 2025 municipal budget for the Borough of Netcong be approved and Adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

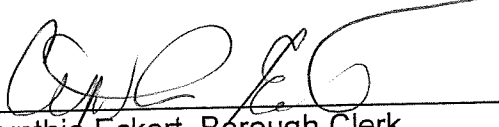
BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

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.

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

ATTEST:



Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk
Introduced: 4/10/25
Adopted: 5/8/25

By: 

Elmer Still, Mayor

RESOLUTION FOR SELF-EXAMINATION OF 2025 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:

Ayes:

Eddy

Hathaway

Laureys


Morton

Nametko

Sylvester

BOROUGH OF NETCONG

By:


Elmer Still, Mayor

Dated: 5/9/25

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 8, 2025.


Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk

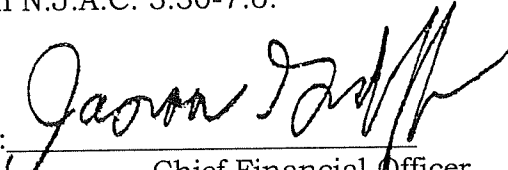
Borough of Netcong
MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

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: 5/9/25

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 2025-46

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 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 8, 2025.


Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk

SECTION 2 - UPON ADOPTION FOR YEAR 2025
RESOLUTION 2025-47

Be it Resolved by the NETCONG County of 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) \$ 3,155,445.00 (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)

Abstained

Absent

SUMMARY OF REVENUES

1. General Revenues	08-100	\$	615,000.00
Surplus Anticipated	13-099	\$	1,241,934.46
Miscellaneous Revenues Anticipated	15-499	\$	90,000.00
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	07-190	\$	3,155,445.00
2. AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES (Item 6(a), Sheet 11)			
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	\$	5,102,379.46

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 2024 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:

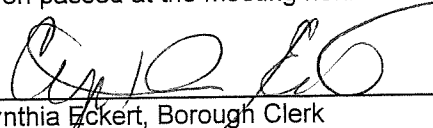
R.S. 52:27BB-52: A local officer or member of a local governing body who, after a date fixed for compliance, fails or refuses to obey an order of the director (Director of Local Government Services), under the provisions of this Article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be fined 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 8, 2025.

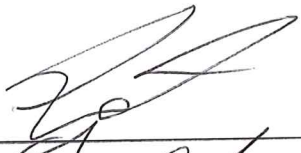
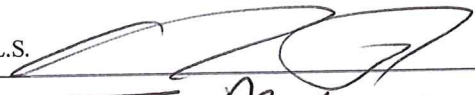
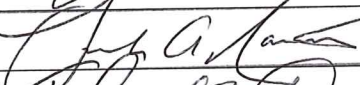
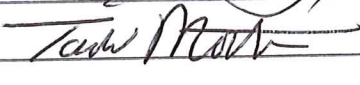
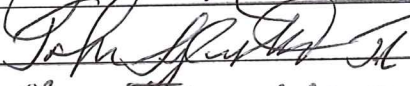

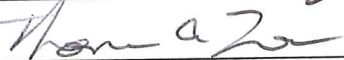

Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk

NO PHOTO COPIES OF SIGNATURES

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
COUNTY OF *Morris*

We, members of the governing body of the *Borough of Netcong*, 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 *Mayor and 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 Clerk pursuant to
N.J.S.A. 40A:5-6 for the year 2024;
3. We certify that we have personally reviewed and are familiar with, as a minimum, the
sections of the Annual Report of Audit entitled "Comments and Recommendations."

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Clerk

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8th
Day of May 2025


Notary Public of New Jersey

MAGDA M BOSCO
Commission # 50221113
Notary Public, State of New Jersey
My Commission Expires
April 23, 2029

The Municipal Clerk (or Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders 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,
Division of Local Government Services, P.O. Box 803, Trenton, New Jersey 08625.

BOROUGH OF NETCONG

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE 2024 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 2024 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 2024 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 8, 2025

Borough of Netcong
Corrective Action Plan
For Audit as of December 31, 2024

Finding # 2024-1

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.

Finding # 2024-2

Description: Interfund Balances

Analysis: All interfund balances be liquidated on a timely basis and that every effort be made to limit interfund activity, especially those due to Current Fund, in the future

Corrective Action: All interfunds identified will be liquidated in a timely manner by the CFO. Theos identified in the financial statements will be liquidated by June 30, 2025.

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS FOR THE
NETCONG COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT
DISTRICT OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG**

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has previously approved the 2025 Cost Estimate for the Netcong Community Partnership Special Improvement District; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Tax Assessor has prepared an assessment roll setting forth the amounts to be specially assessed against the benefited and assessable properties in the district; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has considered the proposed assessments and following the required notice, a public hearing has been held thereon; and

WHEREAS, after careful consideration of all of the relevant materials and any public comment that has been made concerning same, the Borough Council wishes to approve the special assessments attached hereto and made a part hereof.

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 special assessment for the Netcong Community Partnership Special Improvement District, attached hereto and made a part hereof, are hereby formally approved and accepted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution and the assessment roll to the Morris County Tax Board for implementation of said assessments.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Borough of Netcong

By: _____

Elmer Still, Mayor

Dated: 5/9/25

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 May 8, 2025.

Cynthia Eckert, Clerk

Resolution No. 2025-51

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE INTRODUCTION OF THE 2025 BUDGET OF THE NETCONG COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AND AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD THEREON

WHEREAS, the Borough of Netcong established a Special Improvement District within the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Netcong Community Partnership Special Improvement District has submitted a Business Plan and budget for review and approval by the Borough Council in accordance with the procedures established in Chapter 75 of the Code of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has reviewed the proposed budget and wishes to approve same on first reading; and

WHEREAS, prior to final adoption of the budget, a public hearing must be held thereon; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council wishes to conduct said public hearing on May 11, 2023, at its regular Borough Council meeting.

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 2025 budget of the Netcong Community Partnership Special Improvement District attached hereto and made a part hereof, is hereby introduced and approved on first reading.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to advertise a public hearing on said budget at the Netcong Borough Municipal Building on June 12, 2025 at 7:30 p.m. at which time

and place all interested persons shall be given an opportunity to be heard. Said advertisement shall contain a copy of the budget and include the date, time, and place of the hearing.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Borough of Netcong


By: 

Elmer Still, Mayor

Dated: 5/9/25

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 May 8th, 2025.


Cynthia Eckert, Clerk

Revenues	2024 Budget	2024 Actuals	2025 Budget
Income			
Assessments	27,000.00	30,476.39	31,000.00
Netcong Borough Contribution	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
Community Farmer's Market	0	175.00	0
Grants	3,000	0	0
Miscellaneous Income	0	1,000.00	0
Fund Balance			17,614.43
Total Income	41,000.00	37,651.39	54,614.43
Expenditures			
Visual Improvements			
Beautification (Planters/pots)	2,500.00	3,734.08 (1)	2,500.00
Holiday	3,000.00	0	6,000.00
Signage (Street Flags)	1,000.00	0	5,000.00
	6,500.00	3,734.08	13,500.00
Business Attraction/Promotion			
Sign Grants	1,000.00	0	1,000.00
Marketing/Promotion	5,000.00	878.34	5,000.00
Events	3,000.00	1,100.00	10,000.00
Community Farmer's Market		500.00	
Special Initiative: Netcong Fire Department	3,000.00	1,000.00	
	12,000.00	3,478.34	16,000.00
Administration			
Annual Meeting	100.00	105.18	100.00
Insurance	2,600.00	2,768.90	3,500.00
Supplies	250.00	0	250.00
Web Hosting	125.00	70.00	125.00
Dues/Membership Fees	0	30.50	50.00
Attorney/Consultant Fees	1,500.00	0	1,500.00
Accountant Fees	2,500.00	3,950.00 (2)	2,500.00
Website Design	3,000.00	1,100.00	3,000.00
Administrator Stipend	6,000.00	4,800.00	6,000.00
	16,075.00	12,824.56	17,025.00
Total Expenditures	34,575.00	20,036.98	46,525.00
	6,425.00	17,614.43	8,089.43
(1): Represents two years cost/2023 and 2024			
(2): Represents two years cost/2022 and 2023			

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$365,500 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE A STATE GRANT, 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 and to acquire new additional or replacement equipment and machinery 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 State grant 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 State grant hereinafter appropriated, and (3) the amount of each sum which is to be provided by the down payment hereinafter appropriated to finance such purposes, and (4) the estimated maximum amount of bonds and notes to be issued for each such purpose, and (5) 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 Municipal Building; (ii) design and permitting phase for the construction of the Lake Musconetcong Shore Trail; and (iii) drainage improvements at Railroad Avenue. It is hereby determined and stated that said public building being 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").

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 152,500
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 7,270
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 145,230
Period of Usefulness	15 years

B. Replacement of the existing restrooms at DiRenzo Park with ADA-compliant restrooms, including construction of an ADA-compliant walkway.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 150,000
State Grant Appropriated	\$ 79,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 3,390
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 67,610
Period of Usefulness	15 years

C. Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery for the use of the Fire Department consisting of (i) self-contained breathing apparatus equipment and (ii) personal protective equipment.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 63,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 3,840
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 59,160
Period of Usefulness	5 years

Aggregate Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 365,500
State Grant Appropriated	\$ 79,000
Aggregate Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 14,500
Aggregate Amount of Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 272,000

Section 5. The cost of such purposes, as hereinbefore stated, includes the aggregate amount of \$77,500 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.

Section 6. The sum of \$79,000 received or to be received as a grant from the State of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Local Recreation Grant Program is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of the ADA-restroom improvements at DiRenzo Park authorized in Section 4.B hereof.

Section 7. It is hereby determined and stated that moneys exceeding \$14,500, 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 \$14,500 is hereby appropriated from such moneys to the payment of the cost of said purposes.

Section 8. To finance said purposes, bonds of said Borough of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$272,000 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 9. To finance said purposes, bond anticipation notes of said Borough of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$272,000 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 10. 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 11. 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 12.82 years computed from the date of said bonds.

Section 12. 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 \$272,000 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 13. 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 (other than the State grant hereinbefore appropriated which shall be applied to the cost of such purposes, but shall not be applied to the payment of outstanding bond anticipation notes and the reduction of the amount of bonds authorized), 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 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. 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 17. 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**

ATTEST:

By: _____

Elmer Still, Mayor

Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk

Introduced: 4/10/25

Adopted: 5/8/25

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 \$155,000 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. 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. Paving the Water Department driveway.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 35,000
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 35,000
Period of Usefulness	10 years

B. Undertaking of the rehabilitation of Well No. 5.

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

C. Replacement of the water main and installation of a fire hydrant at Ikes Lane.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 55,000
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 55,000
Period of Usefulness	40 years

Aggregate Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 155,000
Aggregate Amount of Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 155,000

Section 5. The cost of such purposes, as hereinbefore stated, includes the aggregate amount of \$5,000 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, 2024, 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 \$155,000

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 \$155,000 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 22.74 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 \$155,000, but said \$155,000 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**

ATTEST:

By: _____

Elmer Still, Mayor

Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk

Introduced: 4/10/25

Adopted: 5/8/25

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF IMPROVEMENTS TO BARONE STREET IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$360,000 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 Barone Street 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 \$360,000 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 \$196,290 from the State of 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 \$360,000, and (4) the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes necessary to be issued for said purpose is \$360,000, and (5) the cost of said purpose, as hereinbefore stated, includes the aggregate amount of \$60,000, 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 \$360,000 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 \$360,000 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 \$360,000 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**

ATTEST:

By: 

Elmer Still, Mayor


Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk

Introduced: 4/10/25

Adopted: 5/8/25

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO PREPARE AND MAIL ESTIMATED TAX BILLS IN ACCORDANCE WITH P.L. 1994, C. 72

WHEREAS, due to the late approval by the State of New Jersey of the Borough of Netcong's 2025 Budget, the Morris County Board of Taxation is unable to certify the tax rates of the Borough, and the Borough of Netcong Tax Collector will be unable to mail the Borough's 2025-2026 tax bills on a timely basis; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Netcong's Tax Collector, in consultation with the Borough's Chief Financial Officer, has computed an estimated tax levy in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.3, and they have both signed a certification showing the tax levies for the previous year, the tax rates and the range of permitted estimated tax levies.

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 on this 8th day of May 2025 as follows:

The Borough of Netcong Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to prepare and issue estimated tax bills for the Borough of Netcong for the third installment of 2025 taxes. The Tax Collector shall proceed on the 7th day of June 2025 and take such actions as are permitted and required by L. 1994, c. 72 (N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.3).

The entire estimated tax levy is set at 11,134,353.33

In accordance with the law, the third quarter installment of 2025 taxes shall not be subject to interest until the twenty-sixth (26TH) day after the date of mailing of the tax bills with interest charged back to the statutory due date of August 1, 2025.

BOROUGH OF NETCONG

By: _____

Elmer Still, Mayor

Dated: 5/9/25

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 May 8, 2025.

Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk

CALCULATION OF THE 2025 ESTIMATED TAX RATE

Proposed
2025 Borough Budget as Introduced
2025 Estimated Borough Local School Budget
2025 Estimated Regional School Budget
2025 Estimated Morris County Levy

2024 TAX LEVY & TAX RATE

2025 ESTIMATED RANGE ForTAX LEVY (Percentage of 2024 Levy)

	<u>LEVY</u>	<u>TAX RATE</u>		<u>95%</u>	<u>105%</u>
LOCAL	3,094,898.50	0.967	LOCAL	2,940,153.58	3,249,643.43
REGIONAL SCHOOL	2,315,342.00	0.725	REGIONAL SCHOOL	2,199,574.90	2,431,109.10
LOCAL SCHOOL	4,636,194.00	1.445	LOCAL SCHOOL	4,404,384.30	4,868,003.70
COUNTY	878,260.08	0.275	COUNTY	834,347.07	922,173.08
TOTALS:	11,027,729.84	3.417		10,379,459.85	11,470,929.31

2025 ESTIMATED TAX RATE

2025 Ratable Total – 319,112,300

Amount to be raised by Taxation:

LOCAL 3,155,445.00

REGIONAL SCHOOL 2,361,648.84

LOCAL SCHOOL 4,728,917.88

COUNTY 895,825.28

TOTALS 11,171,562.00

Tax Rate:

0.989 2025 (Introduced Budget)

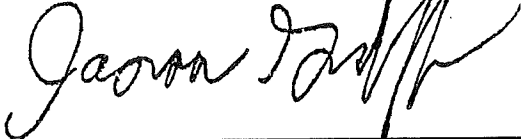
0.740 2025 (Estimated Budget)

1.482 2025 (Estimated Budget)

0.281 2025 (Estimated Budget)

3.492

PREPARED AND CERTIFIED BY:



Jason Gabloff
CFO

Cynthia Eckert
Tax Collector

Resolution Authorizing a Morris County Trail Construction Grant Application

WHEREAS, the Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders authorized the creation of the Trail Construction Grant Program (hereinafter "Program") to provide funding to any of its 39 municipalities for recreational trail construction projects; and

WHEREAS, the Program is funded through the Morris County Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund and requires a 20% match from applicants through a financial contribution or in-kind services; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Netcong is submitting a grant to the Morris County Trail Planning and Design Grant Program in the amount of \$105,600 for a project entitled Netcong Greenway Trail Completion.


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the mayor and governing body of the Borough of Netcong do hereby authorize the preparation and submission of a Morris County Trail Construction Grant Application.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the mayor and governing body of the Borough of Netcong authorize the expenditure of the required 20% match for this grant through Capital Projects Funding.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the mayor and governing body of the Borough of Netcong acknowledge the grant program will operate on a reimbursement basis only and agree to provide full advance funding to complete the proposed project.

BOROUGH OF NETCONG

By:


Elmer Still, Mayor

Dated: 5/9/25

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 May 8, 2025.


Cynthia Eckert, Clerk

RESOLUTION 2025-54

Whereas, the Borough of Netcong is a member of the North Jersey Municipal Employee Benefits fund; and

Whereas, the bylaws of the fund require the fund Program Manager to perform certain consulting, field and marketing service to Fund members; and

Whereas, recognizing that members may have relationships with a licensed broker/consultant, the member may appoint, another firm to perform the portion of the professional producer consulting & field services normally provided by the Program Manager to the member municipality as detailed in the "Producers Agreement" attached hereto; and

Whereas, The Vozza Agency has provided these services for the Borough for a number of years and possess significant knowledge and institutional memory of the Borough Dental plans.

Whereas, the judgmental nature of the Consultant's duties renders comparative bidding impractical.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Borough of Netcong does hereby appoint The Vozza Agency Inc. as it's Producer of record for the term of May 1st, 2025, through December 31st, 2026, for its membership in the North Jersey Municipal Employee Benefits Fund.

Be it further resolved that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the consultant's agreement annexed hereto and to cause a notice of decision to be published according to N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-5(1) (a) (I).

BOROUGH OF NETCONG

By:

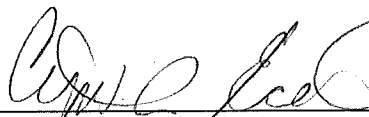


Elmer Still, Mayor

Dated: 5/9/25

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 May 8, 2025.



Cynthia Eckert, Clerk

Resolution 2025-55

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 2025 within the ranges set forth in the Salary Ordinance #2024-14.

EMPLOYEE	TITLE	2025 Salary
	Elected Officials	
Still, Elmer	Mayor	\$8,657
Eddy, Mathew	Councilman	\$6,493
Hathaway, Bob	Councilman	\$6,493
Morton, Tom	Councilman	\$6,493
Laureys, Tom	Councilman	\$6,493
Nametko, Joesph	Councilman	\$6,493
Sylvester, Jack	Councilman	\$6,493
	Office Staff	
Blakeslee, Ralph	Administrator/Deputy Clerk	\$152,112
	Zoning Officer	\$6,000
Eckert, Cindy	Borough Clerk	\$43,958
	Tax Collector	\$48,982
	Board of Health Secretary	\$1,332
Meehan, Jennifer	Administrative Assistant, Finance Department	\$49,061
	Payroll Clerk	\$6,009
	Certified Registrar Stipend	\$500
Bosco, Magda		\$40,000
	Certified Registrar Stipend	\$500
Proctor, Richard	Assistant Administrator	\$50,400
Pizzulo, Stephaine	Planning Board Secretary	\$6,896
Youds, Jane	Administrative Assistant, Part Time	\$17.00/hour
	Professionals	
Gabloff, Jason	Chief Financial Officer	\$22,183
dePierro, Therese	Tax Assessor	\$15,091
Esposito, Robyn	Certified Purchase Agent	\$2,000
	Fire	
Sylvester, Mark	Fire Official	\$12,154
Boylan, Kyle	Fire Inspector	\$6,438
Pellek, Michael	Fire Inspector/Fire Investigator	\$26.50/Hour
Anthony, Wayne	Emergency Management Coordinator	\$7,450

	Police	
Van Houten, Russ	Chief of Police	\$155,000
	Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator	\$5,000
Coppolella, Anthony	Police Lieutenant	\$141,694
Fluke, Nina	Police Secretary	\$38,708
Bock, Shannon	Police Matron	\$19.43/hour
	Crossing Guards	
Crawn, Donna	School Crossing Guard	\$19.43/hour
Patamia, Thomas	School Crossing Guard	\$19.43/hour
Mendel, Sandra	School Crossing Guard	\$19.43/hour
Post, Ken	School Crossing Guard	\$19.43/hour
Stark, Willbert	School Crossing Guard	\$19.43/hour
Sylvester, Melissa	School Crossing Guard	\$19.43/hour
Lindner, Irene	School Crossing Guard	\$19.43/hour
Anthony, Renee	Alt. School Crossing Guard	\$19.43/hour
Schomp, Frank	Alt. School Crossing Guard	\$19.43/hour
Bock, Shannon	Alt. School Crossing Guard	\$19.43/hour
	DPW	
Hess, Tim	Superintendent of Public Works/Water System Operator	\$101,468
	Clean Communities Coordinator	\$3,000
Theriault, Michael	Operator Level 5	\$49,920
Fiorello, Joesph	Laborer Level 5	\$46,340
	Deputy Animal Control Officer	\$1,821
	Recycling Center Coordinator	\$2,875
DiRenzo, Andrew	Laborer Level 3	\$43,680
Leader, Zach	Laborer Level 3	\$43,680
Pavlov, Andy	Mechanic, Level 1	\$49,920
O'Brien, Fred	Recycling Center Attendant	\$18/hour
Titsworth, Jason	Backup Water Operator	\$1,800
	Dial A Ride	
Benvenuto, Wayne	Dial-A-Ride Bus Driver	\$20.32/hour
	Construction/Zoning/ PB	
Arbolino, James	Deputy Code Enforcement/ Rental Inspector	\$19,096
Kranz, Charles	Deputy Code Enforcement	\$10,300

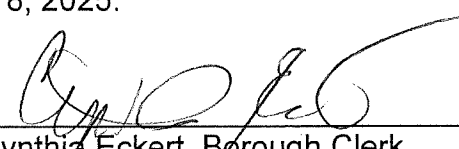
This resolution shall take effect immediately.



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 8, 2025.



Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 217, "PARKS"; CHAPTER 228, RENTAL PROPERTY"; AND CHAPTER 169, "FOOD AND BEVERAGE VENDORS LICENSING", OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG

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. Chapter 217 of the Code of the Borough of Netcong, "Parks", Subsection 219-9 (H) and Section 219-10 shall be amended to read as follows:

§ 217-9. Acts prohibited.

No person in any park or recreation area shall:

H. Allow any dog to run at large in the parks. Any dog found in any such park shall be deemed to be running at large unless the owner of the dog carries him or leads him by a strap or rope not exceeding six feet in length. All dogs are prohibited from entering any ballfield, sports court, playground area or other active recreational area, with the exception of trails and pathways that run through a park.

§ 217-10. Hours of operation.

The Borough's parks shall be open daily to the public from 8:00 a.m. to sunset. No person other than Borough personnel conducting Borough business therein shall occupy or be present in the park during any hours in which the park is not open to the public. Any person who enters a park or is otherwise present in a park when such park is not open to the public shall be subject to the penalties set forth in this Chapter.

SECTION 2. Chapter 228 of the Code of the Borough of Netcong, "Rental Property", Subsection 228-3 (A) and Section 229-7 shall be amended to read as follows:

§ 228-3. Annual Registration required; terms.

A. Each rental unit shall be registered annually. The registration term shall commence on January 1 of each year and end on December 31. No rental unit shall hereafter be rented unless the rental unit is registered in accordance with this chapter.

§ 228-7. Fees.

A. At the time of filing the rental registration form the owner or agent of the owner must pay a fee in the amount of \$35 per rental unit.

B. The above fee includes the cost of one inspection. Additional inspections, whether due to a change of tenants, noncompliance, or inability to gain access for a scheduled reinspection, will require the payment of a fee of \$35 per reinspection visit. The cost for all inspections shall be paid in full no less than 24 hours prior to the scheduled reinspection.

C. If any fee is not paid within 30 days of its due date, an additional late fee of \$25.00 per month for each month late shall be charged.

SECTION 3. Chapter 169 of the Code of the Borough of Netcong, "Food and Beverage Venders, Licensing", Section 169-8 "License Fees; Suspension or Revocation of License" shall be amended to read, in its entirety, as follows:

§ 169-8. License fees; suspension or revocation of license.

A. Each license shall be issued annually. The term shall commence on January 1 of each year and end on December 31. The annual fee shall be \$200 for each wagon, automobile or other vehicle of any kind in which the products are carried or from which they are sold. For each salesman, in addition to the above license fees, a fee of \$20 shall be imposed, except that a license for one salesman shall be issued without charge with the license for each wagon, automobile or vehicle of any kind in which such products are carried or sold.

B. The license above provided for may be revoked by the Borough of Netcong for the violation of any of the provisions of this article, upon notice and hearing; provided, however, that a license may be suspended for a period not exceeding two weeks. Should any license be revoked, no part of the license fee shall be returned.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance may be renumbered for codification purposes.

SECTION 5. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict or inconsistent with any part of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent that they are in such conflict or inconsistent.

SECTION 6. In the event that any section, part or provision of this Ordinance shall be held to be unenforceable or invalid by any court, such holding shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole, or any part thereof, other than the part so held unenforceable or invalid.

SECTION 7. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication as required by law.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced in writing at a meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Netcong, County of Morris and State of New Jersey, held on the 8th day of May, 2025, introduced and read by title and passed on the first reading and that the said Governing Body will further consider the same for second reading and final passage thereon at a meeting to be held on the 12th day of June, 2025, at 7:30 p.m., prevailing time, at the Municipal Building in said Borough, at which time and place a public hearing will be held thereon by the Governing Body and all persons and citizens in interest shall have an opportunity to be heard concerning same.

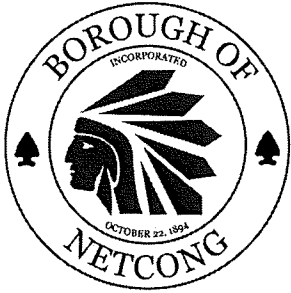
**BOROUGH OF NETCONG
COUNTY OF MORRIS
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

ATTEST:

By: _____
Elmer Still, Mayor

Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk
Introduced: 5/8/25
Adopted:

PROCLAMATIONS



PROCLAMATION

Sister Cities Acknowledgement



Borough of Netcong Commemoration of the Bond with the Community of Cesa

WHEREAS, the Borough of Netcong and the community of Cesa have shared a cherished bond since their twinning in the year 2019; and

WHEREAS, our ancestors brought with them a deep devotion to St. Cesario, a patron of enduring faith and shared tradition that continues to unite our two communities; and

WHEREAS, the strength of this connection has flourished through our cultural, spiritual, and familial ties, enriching both communities with mutual respect and affection;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, on this 8th day of May, 2025, I, Elmer Still, Mayor of the Borough of Netcong, do hereby affirm and celebrate the enduring friendship between Netcong and our sister city of Cesa.

May this partnership continue to grow in harmony and fellowship for many years to come.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Borough of Netcong to be affixed this 8th day of May, 2025.

The mayor stated this proclamation will be presented to the community of Cesa in June.