

**BOROUGH OF NETCONG
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 10, 2025**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD JULY 10, 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

1. Minutes – June 6, 2024
2. Minutes – June 13, 2024
3. Minutes – June 24, 2025 Special Meeting

A Motion was made by Councilman Morton and seconded by Councilman Laureys to approve the minutes.

Roll Call June 6th: 6 Yes

Roll Call June 13th: 5 Yes Abstain: Councilman Hathaway

Roll Call June 24: 5 Yes Abstain: Councilman Sylvester

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

Mr. Brian Shemesh, Esq. Red Bank, is here representing Crown Walk Urban Renewal to address any questions that the Council may have for the assignment and sale of 2

Flanders Rd. He stated there is only 1 paperwork item that is outstanding. He is requesting the resolution be amended subject to condition of the outstanding matter to be completed instead of tabling this resolution on the agenda tonight. He will be willing to answer any questions the Council may have. Mr. Bucco stated this is a matter completely at the discretion of the Council. He stated if there are concerns, the resolution can be delayed until the next meeting or amend the current resolution. Councilman Sylvester asked if we amend the resolution will it be certain all will be corrected. The attorney stated they will not ask the borough to sign anything until they are sure all has been completed. Councilman Hathaway asked if the attorney represents the seller. The attorney stated he is the representative of the seller. Mr. Shemesh stated again no documents will be signed and completed until the Council is completely satisfied. Councilman Nametko asked Mr. Blakeslee about what is still outstanding. He spoke with the construction official about what is still needed and gave detail on this. Mr. Blakeslee wants to double check with the engineers. Mr. Bucco said we can amend the resolution. Councilman Nametko asked about the gas grills and where the propane tanks will be stored. Mr. Shemesh gave several comments about this resolution. No closing will occur until all is satisfied. Councilman Nametko is concerned about the propane tanks and how they are stored. Mr. Bucco asked if there is still a problem with the radio communications with the county. Mr. Blakeslee gave details on this situation. Councilman Eddy asked if he can vote on this since his residence is within 500 feet of this building. Mr. Bucco stated no.

Mr. Moe Weiss, prospective purchaser of 2 Flanders Rd. stated his family has been in the business of multifamily residences for many years. He has vast experience in this area. He stated they care about their properties and residents and have made improvements to their properties. He said they have very few violations on their properties. They have properties in PA, NJ and out west. They are long term property holders. They just sold a property the family owned for 65 years. They are not in this business to buy and sell. Mr. Bucco asked if we had received the administrative fee. Mr. Blakeslee gave information on this. Councilman Hathaway suggested to the Council we show good faith and allow this to proceed with amendments to the resolution. The mayor agreed. Mr. Shemesh thanked the Council for their time.

Mrs. Bernadette Dalesandro, 33 Barone St., had a question about resolution #1. She asked how many payments have been made. She asked if this will transfer as existing or start with a new timeline. Mr. Blakeslee gave her the figures. This is a thirty-year program.

She noted that the police chief is retiring. She asked when he was leaving. His walk out will be August 1st. Her last question is about the project on Barone St. She is wanting to know if speed bumps can be added to the project. Mr. Blakeslee stated the grant has been awarded but they have not gone out to bid yet. He explained DOT will not install speed bumps, so there will be a lag time. Councilman Sylvester stated she should talk to her neighbors about the speed bumps to make them aware. She thanked the Council for their time. Councilman Laureys had several questions on this subject.

A Motion to Close the Meeting to the Public was made by Councilman Nametko and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

ORDINANCE ADOPTIONS

None presented

CORRESPONDENCE

None presented

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Blakeslee had several additions to his written report. He presented a list of the current projects going on at this time and grant applications. He will be issuing updates every month. A version of this will go out with the tax bills. Netcong had a bond sale this month. He gave total dollar amounts and the number of bidders (which was one). 4.1% is the interest rate. Netcong also received the 2nd cannabis tax this week, \$13,092.80.

Mr. Blakeslee noted the completed sale of unused equipment. We sold the MSA truck for \$5000.00 as well as computer equipment. He gave a list of what did not sell. We will dispose of these items since we have tried to sell them twice. Councilman Nametko had several comments on this subject including donation of the items

The bid threshold has been raised with QPA is now \$53,000.00. Quote threshold is \$7,950.00.

Rental Registration Report 7/9/25

June 2025 Report

40 rental inspections completed during the month. (4 of which failed)

1 COH resale inspections completed

4 Tenant change inspections completed

Court cases are on-going. Had another session on 7/8 where two landlords plead guilty and a few were postponed.

Year-to-Date Report

440 rental units issued (252 of these are apartment complex units issued)

539 rental units in-progress* (468 of these are apartment complex units in-progress) 15 units not responded yet (0 of these are apartment complex units)

995 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

For the month of June 2025, the Borough had a total income of \$487,821.80 as compared to \$488,119.36 in 2024.

For the month of June 2025:

Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated (MRNA):

In 2025 the Borough received \$2,027.50 compared to \$3,720.25 in 2024.

Other Licenses/Borough Clerks Fees:

The Borough received \$39,415.09 in 2025 compared to \$32,270.46 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 didn't receive anything in 2025 and \$3,650.06 in 2024 for Grants in Aid.

Taxes Collected:

The Borough collected \$55,224.64 in 2025 compared to \$96,888.89 in 2024.

Water and Sewer Utility:

The Borough collected \$380,877.69 in 2025 compared to \$336,567.04 in 2024.

Solid Waste Utility:

The Borough collected \$10,276.88 in 2025 compared to \$15,022.68 in 2024.

Total Current Fund Year to Date:

The total Current Fund Income Year to date for 2025 is \$6,889,452.59 as opposed to \$6,150,503.72 in 2024.

Total Water and Sewer Utility to Date:

The total Water and Sewer Utility Income Year to date for 2025 is \$875,180.77 as opposed to \$826,891.48 collected in 2024.

Total Solid Waste Utility to Date:

The Solid Waste Utility Income Year to date for 2025 is \$170,350.76 as opposed to \$147,788.04 collected in 2024.

Total of all Funds to Date:

Total collected from all funds Year to date is \$7,934,984.12 in 2025 compared to \$7,125,183.24 in 2024.

Economic Development: R. Hathaway J. Nametko

Councilman Hathaway reported that the committee met with community hope regarding proposing development of an existing property with 2 for 1 credit on COAH. It would be a home for female veterans with families.

All projects are moving forward. The Firehouse project is on hold for electric permit issues.

Main St. Rehab was held up by electrical permit issues but is now moving forward. There are issues with the light posts. Councilman Nametko stated he was disappointed that the main street would not be paved but he is happy to see the paving may take place next year.

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

Councilman Sylvester stated that there has been a large increase of large and heavy trucks on Main St. They will be installing brighter signs. The police dept. is also working on the radio issues with the county. There is a delay for the delivery of the new fire truck. He also mentioned a radio issue that is being worked on.

Police

Motor Vehicle Check or Stop: 222

Radar Detail: 62

Check Property: 208

Administrative: 94

Check Schools: 25

Total Calls: 889

Ambulance Corps

Total Calls: 47

Total Patients: 34

Total Hospital Trips: 27

Total Miles: 737

Total Hours: 227 hrs, 58 min.

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

Calls: 14

- General Alarms: 5
- Pump Outs: 1
- RIC Assignments: 2
- Mutual Aid: 3

- Vehicle Fires: 1
- Residential Structure Fires: 1
- Total Members: 25
- Time Volunteered: 67 .07 Hours
- Drills: 8
- Total Members: 36
- Time Volunteered: 152.50 Hours
- Administrative Details: 4.5
- Total Members: 37
- Time Volunteered: 55 Hours
- Monthly Total:
- 40 Members
- Time Volunteered: 274 Hours and 54 Minutes

Netcong Fire Prevention

Total Inspections: 20
 Total Violations: 28
 Permits Issued: 4
 Penalty Money Collected: \$1000
 Admin: 3
 Total Hours: 33
 Notes: Assisted Mr Blakeslee with a complaint inspection on Ledgewood Ave.
 Inspected 34 Bank Street Apartment complex.

Dept. of Public

Works & Utilities: M. Eddy R. Hathaway

Road Department:

Cleaned up for flooding, monitor and clean problem catch basins, put up American flags, prepped DPW property for Revax to start working, catch basin repairs, installed new park rule signs at the parks, picked up 80 cy of grass, 37 cy of brush and 8 yards of leaves

Water Department:

fixed water leak 83 Wiltop, did water meter repairs, mark outs,

Buildings and Grounds:

burned weeds out of pavers at gazebo, made repair to Dorenzo bathroom ramp, cut lawns at all town properties

Parks and Recreations:

Poured cement pads for remaining garbage cans, dug test pits for new bathrooms, picked up tables for Dorenzo park,

Councilman Eddy made a statement about the flooding issues by the Ford dealer. The DPW took 32-man hours to remove the silt from the drains there. There will be a meeting set up with Family Ford to discuss this issue. The drainage is on Family Ford but is attached to the borough system. There was discussion among the Council on this issue and the lack of maintenance of this pipe/culvert that goes under Helen Way and McMullen. Councilman Hathaway provided more detail on this. The portion on Family

Ford is a culvert. Mr. Bucco stated the site plan application should be reviewed. Mr. Blakeslee stated there is no site plan. Mr. Bucco gave a comment on this issue. Mr. Blakeslee stated the main issue is regular maintenance of the culvert and the silt that fills it which is on Family Ford property. Councilman Hathaway had additional comments on this issue. Mr. Bucco has concerns about getting an easement for this culvert. This opens up the borough to have to do this for other properties in town. He suggested the borough engineer be contacted on this issue. Councilman Laureys had questions on this topic. Mr. Bucco stated the issue is the borough should not be going on private property to do maintenance that the property owner should be doing. There was further discussion among the Council on this subject. Mr. Bucco suggested some research should be done on this before moving forward.

Recreation: T. Morton T. Laureys

Councilman Morton reported that the kid's night in the park was done several weeks ago. It was very well attended. It was the best turn out they have had. Concerts in the park started on July 4th. He thanked the Mayor and Mrs. Still for donating cupcakes. The committee is working on Netcong Day which will take place at Arbolino Park. It will be free this year.

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

Dial A Ride Report for June
Days of Service: 15
Miles: 670
Of Stops: 51
Nutrition: for 1: 9
Food Shopping: 22
of Meals on Wheels: 12
Medical Appointments: 32
Other Appointments: 17
People Using Services: 26
Cancels: 13
Denials: 2
Units: 160
Hours: 56
Additional Notes: Bus out of Service and Vacation days taken

Councilman Nametko asked if the repairs on the Dial A Ride bus were covered under warranty. The response was that it was.

For the month of June, 75.31 tons of garbage was collected. That also included 45 bulk items picked up during the month We have received our annual recycling grant totaling \$3,736.03.

Total income year to date is \$170,350.76 and total expenses year to date are \$127,998.77.

OLD BUSINESS

None presented

NEW BUSINESS

1. New Business – Bond Anticipation Note-Determination and Award Certificate

DETERMINATION AND AWARD CERTIFICATE

(\$4,742,655 BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES)
BOROUGH OF NETCONG, COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY

I, JASON GABLOFF, Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Netcong, in the County of Morris, New Jersey (herein called the "Issuer"), HEREBY CERTIFY as follows:

1. By virtue of the authority conferred upon me by (i) ten general bond ordinances adopted by the Borough Council of the Issuer on May 9, 2019 (Ord. No. 2019-12), May 14, 2020 (Ord. No. 2020-10), June 10, 2021 (Ord. No. 2021-14), May 12, 2022 (Ord. No. 2022-9), October 13, 2022 (Ord. No. 2022-14), March 9, 2023 (Ord. No. 2023-4, as amended by Ord. No. 2024-10 adopted on April 11, 2024), July 13, 2023 (Ord. No. 2023-10), October 12, 2023 (Ord. No. 2023-19) and May 9, 2024 (two ordinances: Ord. Nos. 2024-16 and 2024-18) and (ii) six water utility bond ordinances adopted by the Borough Council of the Issuer on April 14, 2016 (Ord. No. 2016-6), May 11, 2017 (Ord. No. 2017-4), June 10, 2021 (Ord. No. 2021-15), May 12, 2022 (Ord. No. 2022-8), July 13, 2023 (Ord. No. 2023-11) and May 9, 2024 (Ord. No. 2024-17), I have determined to issue \$4,742,655 Bond Anticipation Notes, consisting of a \$3,576,400 General Bond Anticipation Note and a \$1,166,255 Water Utility Bond Anticipation Note, (herein collectively, the "Notes") of the Issuer in accordance with the following description:

TOTAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT: \$4,742,655

DATED: July 2, 2025

MATURITY: July 2, 2026 (non-callable)

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DENOMINATION</u>	<u>CUSIP</u>	<u>DATED DATE</u> <u>SETTLE DATE</u> 25-
1R	\$3,576,400	641083DS6	July 2, 2025
25-1RWU	\$1,166,255	641083DS6	July 2, 2025

INTEREST RATE PER ANNUM (payable at maturity):

4.10% REGISTERED OWNER:

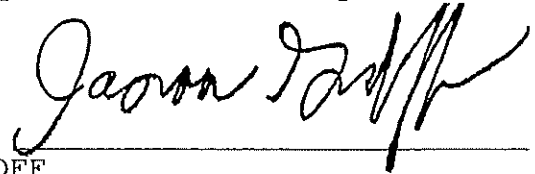
CEDE & CO.

PLACE OF PAYMENT: Chief Financial Officer
Borough Hall
23 Maple Avenue
Netcong, New Jersey

Pursuant to said authority, I have awarded and will sell the Notes to Piper Sandler & Co., at the price of \$4,746,733.68 plus an amount equal to the interest on the Notes accrued to the date of payment of the purchase price thereof. I will be the Note Registrar/Paying Agent for the Notes.

2. No obligations of the Issuer other than the Notes have been issued pursuant to the bond ordinances referenced above and are now outstanding.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 2nd day of July, 2025.



JASON GABLOFF
Chief Financial
Officer Borough of
Netcong County of
Morris
State of New Jersey

2. New Business – Social Affair Permit – Assumption Society

A Motion was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Nametko to approve the permit.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL

The Council President had nothing at this time.

Councilman Sylvester asked about the annexation with Roxbury. Mr. Bucco stated permission is needed from the state to do this since they own the property. It needs to be a formal meeting. Councilman Hathaway had commented on this. Mr. Blakeslee will work on setting up a meeting with all parties involved.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

He stated it was a great honor to represent the borough while in Cesa Italy. He has things from the trip to Cesa Italy in his office.

RESOLUTIONS

1. **Resolution 2025-67** - A Resolution of The Borough Council of The Borough of Netcong, County of Morris, State Of New Jersey, Consenting to The Transfer of The Long-Term Tax Exemption Financial Agreement from Crown Walk Urban Renewal, LLC to Rayus Urban Renewal, LLC And Authorizing the Execution of an Assignment Agreement

The following condition was added to this resolution in order to be approved:

This resolution will be amended in the last paragraph to indicate the transfer and assigning will be contingent upon the borough approving all changes have been made.

Councilman Laureys explained his reason for voting no.

A Motion was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Nametko to approve the resolution with the condition.

Roll Call: 4 Yes No: Councilman Laureys Abstain: Councilman Eddy

2. **Resolution 2025-68**- Authorizing a Grant Application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation – Transit Village for the Route 46 Sidewalk Extension Project

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

3. **Resolution 2025-69**- Authorizing a Grant Application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Main Street Improvement Project

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

- 4. Resolution 2025-70-** Resolution Of The Borough Council Of The Borough Of Netcong, In The County Of Morris, New Jersey, Covenanting To Comply With The Provisions Of The Internal Revenue Code Of 1986, As Amended, Applicable To The Exclusion From Gross Income For Federal Income Tax Purposes Of Interest On Obligations Issued By The Borough Of Netcong And Authorizing The Mayor, Borough Clerk, Chief Financial Officer And Other Borough Officials To Take Such Action As They May Deem Necessary Or Advisable To Effect Such Compliance And Designating \$4,742,655 Of Notes, Consisting Of \$3,576,400 General Bond Anticipation Notes And \$1,166,255 Water Utility Bond Anticipation Notes, Both Issues Dated July 2, 2025 And Payable July 2, 2026, As "Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations" Pursuant To Section 265(B)(3) Of The Internal Revenue Code Of 1986, As Amended.

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

- 5. Resolution 2025-71-** To Redeem Tax Sale Certificate 21-00001- 8 Railroad Ave.

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

- 6. Resolution 2025-72-** Authorizing a Public Display of Fireworks in the Borough of Netcong by the Assumption Society

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

- 7. Resolution 2025-73 -** Authorizing The Award of a Contract to UHL & Associates, Inc. To Conduct a Borough Wide Groundwater Assessment to Identify a New Well Location

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

- 8. Resolution 2025-74-** Authorizing The Award of a Contract to Henry's Asphalt Paving for Paving the Water Department Driveway

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

9. Resolution 2025-75- Authorizing The Execution of a Severance Agreement Between the Borough of Netcong and Russell Van Houten, Chief of the Netcong Borough Police Department

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS

None presented.

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

Bernadette Dalesandro had a question about cannabis income.

She wanted to know where 8 Railroad Ave. is. There was a brief discussion on this subject.

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

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 Eddy at 8:30PM

Roll Call: 6 Yes

Respectfully Submitted,


Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, CONSENTING TO THE TRANSFER OF THE LONG-TERM TAX EXEMPTION FINANCIAL AGREEMENT FROM CROWN WALK URBAN RENEWAL, LLC TO RAYUS URBAN RENEWAL, LLC AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, Crown Walk Urban Renewal, LLC executed a Redevelopment Agreement with the Borough of Netcong (hereinafter referred to as “Borough”) to redevelop certain property within the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has determined that Crown Walk Urban Renewal, LLC has substantially completed the redevelopment as contemplated within the Redevelopment Agreement and such project has been certified to be substantially complete; and

WHEREAS, Crown Walk Urban Renewal, LLC and the Borough entered into a Financial Agreement pursuant to the Long-Term Tax Exemption Law contemporaneous to the Redevelopment Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Crown Walk Urban Renewal, LLC has requested the Borough’s consent to the sale of the project and transfer of the Long-Term Tax Exemption Financial Agreement to Rayus Urban Renewal, LLC; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article VIII of the Financial Agreement, the Borough finds that the: (a) the transfer is in compliance with the Financial Agreement and the Long Term Tax Exemption Law; (b) the transferee does not own any other project subject to a Long Term Tax Exemption at the time of the transfer; (c) the transferee is an entity that is to be formed and eligible to operate as an urban renewal entity under the Long Term Tax Exemption Law; (d) the transferee’s obligations under the Financial Agreement are to be fully assumed by the transferee on an ongoing basis; (e) the transferee agrees to abide by all the terms and conditions of the Financial Agreement including, without limitation, the filing of an application

pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:A:20-8 and (f) the principal owners of the transferee appear to possess the requisite business reputation, financial qualifications, and creditworthiness necessary to operate the property; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article VIII of the Financial Agreement, the Borough's is entitled to payment by Crown Walk Urban Renewal, LLC of an administrative fee for the transfer in the amount of 2% of the applicable annual service charge (hereinafter referred to as "Transfer Fee");

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 it hereby consents to the sale of the project and transfer of the Financial Agreement from Crown Walk Urban Renewal, LLC to Rayus Urban Renewal, LLC and authorizes the Mayor to execute the assignment and assumption of, and consent to transfer of the Financial Agreement as appended hereto as Schedule A, contingent upon the Borough confirming that Crown Walk Urban Renewal, LLC has satisfactory completed all work and all necessary State, County and local approvals have been obtained for the project along with the payment of the transfer fee as provided herein.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

BOROUGH OF NETCONG

By:


Elmer Still, Mayor

Dated: 7/16/25

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 July 10, 2025.


Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk

RESOLUTION 2025-68

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – TRANSIT VILLAGE FOR THE ROUTE 46 SIDEWALK EXTENSION PROJECT

WHEREAS, Netcong Borough is submitting a grant application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for a project to construct sidewalk on Route 46; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Netcong formally approves the grant application for the above stated project; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Engineer is hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as TV-2026-Route 46 Sidewalk Extension Project-00020 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Borough of Netcong.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor and Clerk hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Borough of Netcong and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

Adopted:

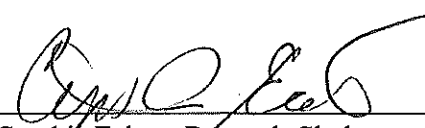
BOROUGH OF NETCONG



Elmer Still, Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I, Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk of the Borough of Netcong do hereby certify the forgoing resolution was duly adopted by the Borough Council at the Regular Meeting held on July 10, 2025.



Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk

RESOLUTION 2025-69

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF
NETCONG AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW
JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE MAIN
STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

WHEREAS, Netcong Borough is submitting a grant application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for a project to pave Main Street; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Netcong formally approves the grant application for the above stated project; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Engineer is hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2026-Main Street Road Improvement-00464 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Borough of Netcong.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor and Clerk hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Borough of Netcong and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

Adopted:

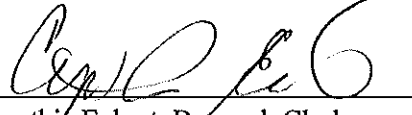
BOROUGH OF NETCONG



Elmer Still, Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I, Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk of the Borough of Netcong do hereby certify the forgoing resolution was duly adopted by the Borough Council at the Regular Meeting held on July 10, 2025.



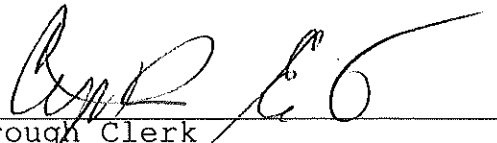
Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk

STATE OF NEW JERSEY)
: ss.:
COUNTY OF MORRIS)

I, CYNTHIA ECKERT, Borough Clerk of the Borough of Netcong, in the County of Morris, in the State of New Jersey, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that I have compared the foregoing copy of a resolution with the resolution adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Netcong, in the County of Morris, at a meeting thereof held on the 10 day of July, 2025, and said copy is a true copy of said resolution and of the whole thereof, and that at the time said meeting was held, said governing body was composed of 7 Members, of whom 7 attended said meeting and 6 of said Members voted for the resolution and 6 of said Members voted against the resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have affixed the corporate seal of said Borough, this 11 day of July, 2025.

[SEAL]


Borough Clerk
Borough of Netcong
County of Morris
State of New Jersey

RESOLUTION 2025-70

Member Mr. Hathaway introduced and moved the adoption of the following resolution and Member Mr. Eddy seconded the motion:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, COVENANTING TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED, APPLICABLE TO THE EXCLUSION FROM GROSS INCOME FOR FEDERAL INCOME TAX PURPOSES OF INTEREST ON OBLIGATIONS ISSUED BY THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, BOROUGH CLERK, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER AND OTHER BOROUGH OFFICIALS TO TAKE SUCH ACTION AS THEY MAY DEEM NECESSARY OR ADVISABLE TO EFFECT SUCH COMPLIANCE AND DESIGNATING \$4,742,655 OF NOTES, CONSISTING OF \$3,576,400 GENERAL BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES AND \$1,166,255 WATER UTILITY BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES, BOTH ISSUES DATED JULY 2, 2025 AND PAYABLE JULY 2, 2026, AS "QUALIFIED TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS" PURSUANT TO SECTION 265(b)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Netcong, in the County of Morris, New Jersey (the "Borough") from time-to-time issues bonds, notes and other obligations the interest on which is excluded from gross income for Federal income tax purposes and desires to take such action as may be necessary or advisable to establish and maintain such exclusion; and

WHEREAS, the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), contains provisions with respect to the exclusion from gross income for Federal income tax purposes of interest on obligations, including provisions, among others, which require issuers of tax-exempt obligations, such as the Borough, to account for and rebate certain arbitrage earnings to the United States Treasury and to take other action to establish and maintain such Federal tax exclusion; and

WHEREAS, the Borough intends to issue \$4,742,655 of notes, consisting of \$3,576,400 General Bond Anticipation Notes and \$1,166,255 Water Utility Bond Anticipation Notes, both issues dated July 2, 2025 and payable July 2, 2026 (collectively, the "Notes"); and

WHEREAS, the Borough desires to designate the Notes as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" pursuant to Section 265(b)(3) of the Code;

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

SECTION 1. The Borough Council hereby covenants on behalf of the Borough, to the extent permitted by the Constitution and the laws of the State of New Jersey, to do and perform all acts and things permitted by law and necessary to assure that interest paid on bonds, notes or other obligations of the Borough (including the Notes) be and remain excluded from gross income of the owners thereof for Federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103 of the Code.

SECTION 2. The Mayor, Borough Clerk, Chief Financial Officer and the other officials of the Borough are hereby authorized and directed to take such action, make such representations and give such assurances as they may deem necessary or advisable to effect compliance with the Code.

SECTION 3. The Notes are hereby designated as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" for the purpose of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code.

SECTION 4. It is hereby determined and stated that (1) said Notes are not "private activity bonds" as defined in the Code and (2) the Borough and its subordinate entities, if any, do not reasonably anticipate issuing in excess of \$10 million of new money tax-exempt obligations (other than private activity bonds) during the calendar year 2025.

SECTION 5. It is further determined and stated that the Borough has not, as of the date hereof, issued any tax-exempt obligations (other than the Notes) during the calendar year 2025.

SECTION 6. The Borough will, to the best of its ability, attempt to comply with respect to the limitations on issuance of tax-exempt obligations pursuant to Section 265(b)(3) of the Code; however, said Borough does not covenant to do so, and hereby expressly states that a covenant is not made hereby.

SECTION 7. The issuing officers of the Borough are hereby authorized to deliver a certified copy of this resolution to the original purchaser of the Notes and to further provide such original purchaser with a certificate of obligations issued during the calendar year 2025 dated as of the date of delivery of the Notes.

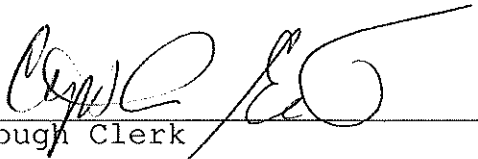
SECTION 8. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the following
roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Eddy Mr. Sylvester
 Mr. Hathaway
 Mr. Laureys
 Mr. Morton
 Mr. Nametko
Nays: None

[SEAL]

ATTEST:


Borough Clerk

RESOLUTION 2025-71

TO REDEEM TAX SALE CERTIFICATE 21-00001

WHEREAS, the Borough of Netcong held a Municipal Tax Sale on November 17, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Block 8 Lot 8, assessed to Ryan and Scott Barber was listed on the tax sale in the amount of \$12,034.28 and was sold to Bala Partners, LLC; and

WHEREAS, the title company processing the mortgage on the property wishes to redeem this lien in the amount of \$80,221.18; and

WHEREAS, the title company processing the mortgage for the property has provided payment to the Borough with bank check number 117200208 in the amount of \$80,221.18 for the redemption of the above-referenced tax sale certificate; and

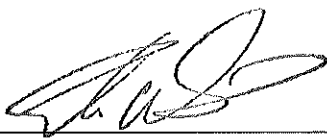
WHEREAS, the redemption was calculated to July 10, 2025; and

WHEREAS, there was a premium paid in the amount of \$32,000.00, 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 \$112,221.18 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.

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 at a meeting held on July 10, 2025.


Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC DISPLAY OF FIREWORKS IN THE
BOROUGH OF NETCONG BY THE ASSUMPTION SOCIETY**

WHEREAS, the Assumption Society of the Borough of Netcong has decided to hold a public display of fireworks on August 9, 2025 (rain date August 16, 2025) at the Assumption grounds on Stoll Street in the Borough; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that said field is the most appropriate site for the fireworks display; and

WHEREAS, the Assumption Society has requested authorization to conduct said fireworks display at the aforementioned location; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council wishes to approve said request.

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 Assumption Society is hereby authorized to conduct a fireworks display on Saturday, August 9, 2025 at the Assumption Grounds in the Borough of Netcong, commencing at 7:00 a.m. intermittently, and concluding on or before 11:30 p.m., or on the rain date of August 16, 2025, at the same time and location provided all necessary approvals are obtained from the Police Department, Fire Department, First Aid Squad and the State of New Jersey, and a Certificate of Insurance, Hold Harmless Agreement and cash bond are submitted and approved by the Borough's Risk Manager and Borough Attorney.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Clerk is hereby directed to notify the Borough Police Department, Borough Fire Department, Borough Fire Official and Netcong/Stanhope First Aid Squad of the Borough's approval of said event.

BOROUGH OF NETCONG

By: 
Elmer Still, Mayor

Dated:

CERTIFICATION

I, Cynthia Eckert, Clerk of the Borough of Netcong, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Borough at a meeting held on July 10, 2025.


Cynthia Eckert, Clerk

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO UHL & ASSOCIATES, INC. TO CONDUCT A BOROUGH WIDE GROUNDWATER ASSESSMENT TO IDENTIFY A NEW WELL LOCATION

WHEREAS, the Borough desires to engage a professional hydrologist to perform a borough wide groundwater assessment to identify a new well location; and

WHEREAS, UHL & Associates Inc. of 278 North Union Street, Lambertville New Jersey provide a quote pursuant to the Borough's specifications for the above-referenced contract; and

WHEREAS, funding for this project will be provided for by a grant from the Highlands Council; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council wishes to award the contract to UHL & Associates, Inc. in accordance with their June 30, 2025, quote in the amount of \$29,992 (Part A of the proposal); and

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

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

1. A contract for the paving of the Water Department driveway awarded to UHL & Associates Inc., 278 North Union Street, Lambertville New Jersey in accordance with its lump sum quote in the amount of \$29,992.00
2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

BOROUGH OF NETCONG

By:

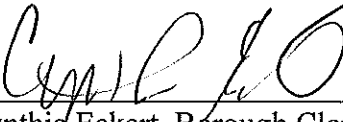


Elmer Still, Mayor

Dated:

CERTIFICATION

I, Cindy 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 July 10, 2025.



Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO HENRY'S ASPHALT PAVING FOR PAVING THE WATER DEPARTMENT DRIVEWAY

WHEREAS, the Borough Superintendent of Public Works solicited quotes for the paving of the Water Department driveway; and

WHEREAS, the four quotes were received; and

WHEREAS, Henry's Asphalt Paving, 114 McCullough Road, Washing New Jersey submitted the lowest responsible and responsive quote pursuant to the Borough's specifications for the above-referenced contract; and

WHEREAS, funding for this project was provided for in the 2025 Water Utility capital budget; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council wishes to award the contract to Henry's Asphalt Paving in accordance with its lump sum quote in the amount of \$28,700; and

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

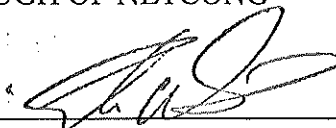
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Netcong, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. A contract for the paving of the Water Department driveway awarded to Henry's Asphalt Paving, 114 McCullough Road, Washington NJ, 07882 in accordance with its lump sum quote in the amount of \$28,700.00.

2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

BOROUGH OF NETCONG

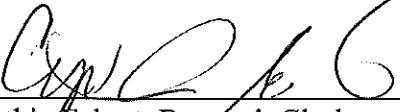
By:


Elmer Still, Mayor

Dated: 7/11/25

CERTIFICATION

I, Cindy 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 July 10, 2025.



Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SEVERANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG AND RUSSELL VAN HOUTEN, CHIEF OF THE NETCONG BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT.

WHEREAS, Russell Van Houten is currently employed by the Borough of Netcong as Chief of the Netcong Borough Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Russell Van Houten has notified the Borough of his intention to resign this position and retire effective January 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Borough accepts the Chief's resignation with regret and wishes him good health and happiness in his retirement; and

WHEREAS, the parties wish to enter into a Severance Agreement setting forth the terms and conditions of the Chief's separation from the Borough's employment.

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 terms and conditions set forth in the Severance Agreement between Russell Van Houten and the Borough of Netcong are hereby approved, and the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute said Agreement on behalf of the Borough. A copy of the Severance Agreement is on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk and may be inspected by the public during normal business hours.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

BOROUGH OF NETCONG

By:




Elmer Still, Mayor

Dated: 7/11/25

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 July 10, 2025.



Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk